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Hurd aims to

By Jonathan Miller, Media Correspondent competition, the Government

dependent television stations

for independent producers, a measure which, the Govern-

ment hopes, will introduce

more competition into a tele-

Mr Hurd: "We are on the

edge of change. vision programme market dominated by the broadcast-

ing organizations themselves.

Bill will depend on a par-liamentary debate to be held before Christmas, and on the

findings of a technical study into the feasibility of moving

However, it is understood

that the study is likely to

conclude that a subscription

system is technologically pos-sible, although it will take

some time to introduce.

Pay-television is already in

to a subscription system.

The precise content of the

The Government hopes to introduce a comprehensive broadcasting Bill early in the next Parliament, phasing out the television licence fee and introducing other sweeping changes in the basic structure of British television.

The licence fee will be replaced by a voluntary system of subscription that will allow the reception of BBC programmes only by those who pay for them.

The Home Secretary, Mr Douglas Hurd, calls subscription television the hinge to a new future for British broadcasting. "We are on the edge of change and that change will affect the BBC as well as almost everybody else," he said.

The Government is expected to argue that while it was logical to have a compulsory licence fee while the BBC operated a monopoly, it has become less so with the advent of independent

The logic of the licence-fee approach will be unsupportable when cable television, satellite broadcasting and other changes open up the television market to intense

inside



Overstretched, attacked from all sides, the police are at the sharp end of a rapidly changing society. A five-part series begins today with a front-line report from one of London's toughest beats while tomorrow Home Secretary Douglas Hurd defines the limits of police power

● The £16,000 weekly prize in The Times Portfolio Gold competition, double the usual amount because there was no winner the previous week, was won on Saturday by Mr Alfred McNamee of Bailleston, Glasgow. The £4,000 daily prize was shared by four readers. Details page 3 There is a further £4,000 to be won today. Portfolio list page 26; rules and how to play, information service, page 20.

TIMES BUSINESS CBI backing

CBl leaders launched a pre election business manifesto and broke with tradition by announcing for the first time their support for a Conservative victory at the next Page 21

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McEnroe wins John McEnroe beats Miloslav Mecir 6-3, 1-6, 7-6, 5-7, 6-2 in the final of the European Community Championship in

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replace BBC TV licence fee

The Bill is also likely to include a guaranteed right of access to the BBC and inlargest and most technicallysophisticated subscription television system. Because such a system could not be introduced for a number of years, the government is expected to accept the recommendation of the Pea-

other countries, but the Government's plans for the BBC would, if implemented,

be likely to create the world's

cock Committee on broadcasting finance to index future rises in the licence fee. The BBC has asked for the indexation to be linked to the cost of broadcasting, while the Peacock Committee recommended that the indexation be linked to the general rate of inflation.

In a speech to the Royal Television Society, at the weekend, Mr Hurd made it clear that the Government is philosophically ready to accept a "pay-per-view" scheme as an alternative to the licence fee, and announced that it is to schedule an early debate on the Peacock Committee's

He did not believe that it would be enough simply to allocate the new possibilities, whether on television or on radio, between the two wings

of the existing structure.

• Independent television producers said yesterday they expect to emerge as winners from the Government's review of broadcasting policy, gaining the right to have more of their programmes broad-cast by the BBC and ITV

operation in France, the United States and a handful of Chancellor rules out poll 'dash' North Sea

Political Correst

Mr Nigel Lawson, Chan-cellor of the Exchequer, yesterday ruled out a snap general election aimed at capitalizing on the Government's public spending bonanza, and held out the hope of two more budgets before the country goes to the polls in 1988.

"I am absolutely certain that there is no quick dash to the country in mind," he said. The Chancellor insisted last week's decision to increase public expenditure by an extra £4.75 billion next year was made on the basis that the Government would serve its

full five year term. There was "no imperative at all" for the election to be held next year and he would be "quite content to go the whole way until 1988."

He confirmed his intention to reduce income tax to 25p in the pound, although he could not say when it would happen. But he warned that pressure on sterling, caused in part by City fears of a Labour government, might require interest

rates to rise. While the Prime Minister is unlikely to refer to the growing election fever when she makes her annual speech at the Guildhall tonight, she shares Mr Lawson's antipathy to an

early poli.

Mr Lawson's attempts to dampden down expectations of an early poll came as a third successive opinion poll put the Conservatives in the lead. The MORI survey in yesterday's Sunday Times put the Tories on 40 per cent, Labour on 39 per cent and the SDP/Liberal Alliance on 18

The Chancellor, in his first full interview since announcing his surprise spending package last Thrusday, rejected suggestions that the Government had performed a U-turn

Pollution alert in

By Pearce Wright

Ships which monitor North Sea pollution and radioactivty levels for the Ministry of Agricuture and Fisheries have been alerted to track a flood of mercury due to be discharged from the Rhine later this

Their measurements of how this lethal plume is dispersing will be relayed to experts on the protection of coastal and offshore North Sea fisheries. Aquatic life in the Rhine was destroyed as an estimated



Safety flaws

30 tons of mercury and other chemicals used in the manu facture of pesticides drifted down the river from Basie in Switzerland, through Ger-many, and to the Netherlands at the weekend.

The mercury, the key ingredient of a powerful fun gicide, was washed into the river when firemen fought a blaze at the Sandoz chemical plant, near Basle, more than a week ago.

It undid efforts of 10 years to clean up the Rhine, which had been criticized as "becom-ing Europe's sewer" because of the effluent from rapid in-Continued on page 20, col 4

Royal Family remembers war dead



The Princess of Wales, Princess Anne and the Duchess of York view the ceremony yesterday (Photographs: Chris Harris) Chinook pilot gives clue to cause of crash

phone connected to his head-

From endless practice in a

simulator he knew that the

blades of the front and rear

rotors had become unsynchro-

nized and had hit each other

breaking one off and making

the helicopter behave as if it

From his description in-

vestigators realised that the

part they most needed lay in

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

The captain of the crashed hit the water he was able to tell Chinook helicopter has given his co-pilot through the microaccident investigators a detailed description of the last set that there was a major moments of his flight to problem with the rear rotor.

As a result they now believe they know to within a few centimetres the exact component which fractured and caused Britain's worst heliconter disaster. Captain Pusht Vaid, aged

is, who is regarded by other helicopter pilots as one of the finest in the world, told officials from the Accident Investigation Branch what happened as he was descend-ing through 500 feet towards the Shetland Islands airport of

Sumburgh.
All his instruments were working normally, he told them, as he made his final approach. There was no indication that there was anything wrong as he gave his final "two minutes to touchdown" message and feathered back the rotors to slow the heliconter's forward

But suddenly there was a loud bang and the Boeing 234 dropped like a stone towards the sea, breaking up as it hit the water and sinking immed-

As the helicopter dropped down the G-forces forced his hands upwards and away from the control column so he was unable to reach the radio button to call for assistance or to give any warning that he

was in trouble But in those few brief split

the rear portion of the heli-copter 300 feet beneath the Hunt goes on

had hit a brick wall.

Photographs surface of the North Sea. Now they believe they have gut it on board Deepwater One and have already begun to strip it

it is a "combiner" - a niece of machinery that acts rather like the differential in the rear axle of a motor car. The helicopter's two en-

gines produce power which turns a shaft spinning horizontally. This is then converted into energy to drive another shaft called a synchronizing shaft which takes the power to the forward rotor and makes it spin at a speed designed to miss the blades of the rear rotor. .

The rear rotor is driven by, another shaft coming out of the combiner but spinning vertically before another set of Continued on page 20, col 7

Rooftop marksmen guard the Cenotaph

By David Sapsted Controversy and a cordon of unprecedented security sur-rounded yesterday's remembrance ceremony at the Cenotaph in Whitehall. In the end, however, it was "the glorious dead" who remained uppermost in the thoughts of the thousands who turned out to pay their respects.

As armed police stood by on rooftops and as every visitor to the ceremony was screened for weapons at airport-style security gates, members of the Royal Family, political lead-ers and old soldiers laid floral tributes to the fallen heroes.

The security measures meant that hundreds of people were unable to get near the memorial, but the intrinsic, moving solemnity of the occasion was undiminished.

To a man, woman and child, they wore red poppies. The anti-nuclear campaigners' white version appeared three hours later in a virtually unnoticed ceremony perfornembers Peace Pledge Union.

An hour earlier, 500 National Front members laid community singing of "Rule their own wreath as more than



tribute at the Cenotaph

1.000 officers policed a rival, anti-fascist march in a successful effort to keep the two sides

It was the threat of terrorist reprisals for the bombing of Libya and the expulsion of Libyan diplomats, allied to fears of clashes between left and right wing groups that brought hundreds of police on to the streets but, at the end of

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Progress 'slow' on teaching pay deal By Mark Dowd Education Reporter Teaching unions and their

25p

local authority employers ap-peared last night to be making slow, but steady progress in their efforts to resolve the long-running pay dispute and reach an agreement on a

contract. More than 24 hours after the Acas-sponsored negotiations began in Nortingham, the crucial issue of pay had still not been brought up for discussion. The indications were that exchanges on salary structure would not begin in earnest until today.

Dominating the agenda ves-terday was the issue of leachers duties and conditions of service. After more than 10 hours in which both sides had met separately and then together to discuss the controversial topics of noncontract time, covering for absent colleagues and the maximum class size of pupils. Mr John Pearman, the leader of the Labour-led local education authorities, emerged sav-ing that he felt both sides were "quite close to an agreement". However, the impression given by the teaching unions was that Mr Pearman's optimism was premature.

The Government's pay offer is worth 16.4 per cent over two years, with differen-tials which would reward among others, head teachers, their deputies, and teachers of shortage subjects.

Opposed to this hierarchical structuring of pay are the two largest teaching unions, the National Union of Teachers and the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers and many of the local authority employ-

It appears that some sort of compromise between these rival systems of pay distribution will be necessary.

Some Scottish parents have reacted angrily to a proposal by the Educational Institute of Soutland (EiS) to reject the Government's pay offer.

Mr David Carmichael, of the pressure group Parents Against Targeted Schools, said esterday that if there was discussion in schools they would ask the Government to impose a settlement on the

Labour borough ends Times ban

The controlling Labour group in the London Borough of Ealing decided last night to comply with a High Court order to end its ban on displaying News International newspapers in its libraries.

The legal consequences of continuing its action were

spelt out to councillors at a meeting yesterday.

tional newspaper titles, because of its dispute with 5,500 former employees, who went

Ealing was one of 18 La-bour-controlled authorities in England and Wales which had set out to punish News International, publishers of The Times, and three other na-

on strike and were dismissed. Camden and Hammersmith and Fulham, the two other London boroughs inrestored The Times, The Sunday Times. The Sun and the News of the World to their libraries after the ruling by

Lord Justice Watkins. Deadline extended, page 2

seconds before the helicopter Threat by Patten on rent debt

By Our Political Correspondent

Local authority rent arrears in England have a reached a new record well above £200 million, with some councils failing to collect money from up to a quarter of their council

The scale of the rent debt has appalled Mr John Patten, Minister for Housing, Urban Affairs and Construction, and today he will tell local authority chiefs that unless they take effective action to cut arrears substantially, the Government will be forced to

Mr Patten first asked councils to improve their rent collecting a year ago, but the latest Department of Environment figures show their response has been dismal. A majority of local authorities Continued on page 20, col 4

'Shultz to resign' over Iran talks

From Michael Binyon, Washington

there was talk yesterday that press speculation. Mr George Shultz, the Sec. A State Department spokes-retary of State, was man also described the story contemplating resigning.

Mr Shultz returned at the weekend from Vienna. complaining on the plane to the press that he had been "muzzled" by the White House. And, in an indirect criticism, he reiterated that not negotiating for hostages was the right policy.

He has given no public hint of his reaction to the revelations. Reports suggest that he may have known something was going on and chosen not to investigate because of his firm opposition to any deal-

The revelations of US conings with Iran, Senator Richard Lugar, former Republican supply of military spare parts chairman of the Senate Forin an attempt to free the US eign Relations Committee. hostages in Lebanon, has said yesterday that he did not caused a crisis within the think Mr Shultz would resign, Reagan Administration, and and that such talk was mere

> as "pure speculation". Sources close to Mr Shultz, however, said that if there was

Moment of truth Strained loyalty

anything that would prompt him to resign, it was this. There is no issue he cares about more than counterterrorism, and the disclosures would seem to make a mock ery of everything Shultz stands for," one source told the New York Times.

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Race is on to sign

Worcestershire and

Joel Garner. Botham has a long-term contract with Worcestershire's chairman, Duncan Fearnley, who endorses his cricket equipment, while David Brown, Warwickshire's cricket manager, has con-

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More of a washout than a beanfeast such international acclaim By John Young

Agriculture Correspon

Baked beans, one of the nation's most enduringly popular convenience foods and one of the few to be commended by nutritionists as a valuable source of fibre, are expected to become scarce and expensive during the next

few months. The reason is unprecedented heavy rainfall which has devastated crops in the main growing areas, the American state of Michigan and the Canadian province of Ontario. A few weeks ago growers were expecting a record harvest, but the position is described now as

The price of a 100 lb bag of

from \$27 to around \$70, which is expected to add at least op to the retail price of a 15 oz can now costing between 15p and 21p. Moreover, the crop failure

is likely to cause an unseemly scramble for supplies among big canning firms such as Heinz and Crosse & Blackwell. Alternative sources being canvassed include South America, East Africa and even Romania. Worldwide baked bean

consumption is around

800,000 toppes a year, of

which the British eat a healthy

80,000 tonnes. That repre-

sents 4,500,000 cans a day,

with an annual retail value of

more than £200 million.

since they were first doused in tomato sauce and canned are dry white haricots, known as navy beans ever since they were used to feed the United States Navy.

In an attempt to reduce an annual import bill of between £20 and £30 million, and to provide an alternative and potentially profitable crop for British farmers, the National Vegetable Research Station at Wellesbourne in Warwickshire has for some years been trying to produce a suitable bean that will thrive in the British climate. The varieties at present grown in this country are too large and fibrous But despite communication

and exchanges of information

with bean-breeders in farflung corners of the world, the scientists have so far failed to come up with an acceptable substitute.

Even if a suitable new variety could be genetically synthesized, there is some doubt as to whether yields would be high enough to be economic. There are also doubts about whether it could be effectively harvested in the wet summers and autumns which are more frequent here than in North America.

Meanwhile, market researchers will be eagerly trying to discover what on earth we will buy instead if the humble bean begins to disappear from our supermarket

Ian Botham

Warwickshire are making the early running in the chase to sign Ian Botham, who said vesterday from Australia, where he is touring with England, that he will leave Somerset as a result of the club's members backing the dismissal of Viv Richards and

firmed their interest.

NEWS SUMMARY

Team to combat immigrants plot

Government fears of a conspiracy to enable thousands of illegal immigrants from Nigeria and Ghana to enter Britain has led to the establishment of a special investigation team.

The Home Office confirmed yesterday that a secret meeting of officials took place in September, when the scale of the infiltration was discussed.

As a result, immigration and welfare department investigators are looking into a large number of cases involving people from both countries who "appear to be in breach of immigration laws and who may be involved in benefit frauds". One estimate claims that the welfare frauds could be costing more than £5 million a year.

Investigators suspect that some illegal immigrants gain entry by applying for the birth certificate of a dead person.

£50,000

which a Dorset couple were ready to give away with their home has turned out to be worth at least

The 12ft by 6ft picture by Australian artist Nicholas Chevalier is believed to have hung in Conyar House, Broadmayne, since it was built 90 years ago.

Mr Anthony Tewson, a senior engineer with Wessex Water Authority, was ready to leave it behind when he sold his house, but an auctioneer called in to value furniture spotted the

League giveaway dropped

A schools' football league of 12 teams, run for 82 years in Swindon, Wiltshire, is to be stopped because it is "too

Mr Geoff Walters, secretary of Swindon Schools' Football Association, said yesterday that the decision came after a survey of 12 secondary schools. Teachers want less emphasis on competition, and more on getting all children involved", he said. "They are worried about

the emphasis placed on competition, and want to promote enjoyment and friendliness."

Heart man awake

Britain's first patient to receive an artificial heart transplant is now conscious and breathing on his own, five days after a second operation to fit a human organ.

The man aged 40, who has not been named, is in intensive care at Papworth Hospital, Cambridgeshire.

Mr John Edwards, spokesman for the heart transplant programme at the hospital, said yesterday. "Our patient is now fully conscious and breathing on his own with the aid of a ventilator. His new heart is functioning satisfactorily."



Minibus fire hero

hailed as a hero yesterday for repeatedly returning to his blazing vehicle to res-cue wheelchair-bound

Four people died trapped in their burning car after it collided with the minibus from a Cheshire home at

Mr Keith Cook, left, the minibus driver, was the only one of 13 people on board mainjured after the accident on Saturday on the Brixham to Paignton

from the car was also taken to bosnital where his cen-

Coroners seek pay parity with junior judges

'Loyalists' in

car bombs

threat to

the South

By Richard Ford

Security on both sides of the tionists, gave the warning to Irish border will be tightened the conference, which was this week after "loyalist" terrorists planted four incendiary private, to prevent a serious private, to prevent a serious

By Frances Gibb Legal Affairs Carrespondent

The 157 coroners in England and Wales are seeking a substantial increase in their pay to put them on a level with

There is growing concern among coroners, who are paid by local authorities, that their salaries are out of step with the increasing pressures and de-mands of the job.

They want to be accorded recognition of their role as judicial officers, through pay parity with registrars and stipendiary magistrates, as recommended by the Brodrick committee on coroners in

devices in Dublin, at the

first anniversary of the Anglo

Irish agreement - on Novem-

ber 15 - and are said to be

plotting the launch of a citizens' army" of several

Tonight the Rev Ian Pais-

ley, leader of the Democratic Unionist Party, will attend a

"dedication service" at the

Ulster Hall in Belfast during

which his mobilization plans

The Ulster Freedom Fight-

ers threatened to bring "maxi-mum carnage" in the Irish Republic unless its govern-

ment ceased implementing

the Anglo-Irish agreement from next Saturday.

ation, said that all Irish citi-

zens in the North and South

the Official Unionist Party, at the Europa hotel, Belfast, at

the weekend, was warned that

sucked into violence under the

tion to the agreement.

was in danger of being

are expected to be unveiled.

weekend, and gave a warning of a car bomb campaign in the Republic of Ireland from next

His attempt

A full-time coroner receives four-fifths of a chief officer's salary, amounting to a minimum of £22,263 and going up to £24,774 for a coroner with more than six years' experience

County court registrars and stipendiary magistrates are on just over £31,000 a year. The proposals have been

put forward in the current round of pay talks between the Coroners' Society and the local authority associations. The local authorities, which have just offered coroners a

10 per cent pay rise, are con-

At present coroners are paid cerned about their lack of the poor pay levels and the original coroner had to give on a level determined by the control if coroners' salaries need for reform.

Salaries of local authority chief were linked to those of junior

Mr. Lake Withhert a coroner.

There were other demands: udges, which are determined

by central government. The discontent over pay coincides with moves within the Government to reform the coroners' court system.

Mr David Mellor, Minister

of State at the Home Office, said recently the government wanted to legislate on coroners' courts and the item is likely to be high on the agenda if the government is elected for a third term.

Two independent reports on coroners, from Justice, the legal rights group, and from the British Medical Associ-ation, have also highlighted

Mr John Hibbert, a coroner in Cheshire and bonorary salaries secretary for the Coroners' Society, said: "We are judicial officers so why should we not be paid on the level with the lowest judicial officers?"

responsibilities of the There had also been repercoroner's job had greatly in cussions from the Helen

if the death of a Jewish person was referred to a coroner, he would have to ensure burial within 24 hours, whatever the day of the week; and there were similar requirements with Muslims which could be a significant problem in some demands and parts of the country.

creased in recent years, he Smith inquest, the British said. They were statutorily nurse who died in Saudi bound to be on duty 24 hours Arabia, which now meant that a day throughout the year inquests had to be held on which meant, for example, bodies brought back to a that if someone wanted to coroner's jurisdiction where transplant an organ of an the death had been sudden or

Balloting attacked as helping activists

By Tim Jones

Government industrial relations laws designed to return union power to the members had instead given activists a disproportionate influence in the amoing of polls, Mr Alistair Graham, director of The Industrial Society, said yesterday

As past general secretary of the Civil and Public Services Association, Mr Graham speaks from first hand experience his former union is organizing a re-run of the ballot for his successor after accusations of irregularities in the branch polls which re-sulted in the election of Mr

John Macreadie, a Militant Tendency supporter. Mr Graham said yesterday. "Balloting is now too im-portant to be left to the activists alone who can sometimes be highly motivated towards one particular can-didate, or in favour of one particular viewpoint".

In a series of speeches this month, Mr Graham will call on union members to become more involved in the conduct of polls and campaigning to get both employers and trade unions to adopt a new balloting code.

He said "Although the present Government has passed a great deal of law, it has lamentably failed

encourage good practice".

Guidelines prepared by the society explain different types of ballot. Work place ballots should be used, they say, only when organizers can guarantee that everyone will be able to vote and not lose pay in the

Postal votes should be used by people unable to vote in person and votes cast in branches and at the work place should ideally be counted at one central point.

A check list for voters urge:

them to make particular efforts to ensure secure voting arrangements and says the returning officer or scrutineers counting the votes should be independent.

Commenting on the checklist for voters, Mr Graham said: "This is a list to stop union members from being conned. Union elections can often go wrong, not because of national rules or organization but as a result of how they are conducted at local level. The check list will help union members to be on their

£58m offer given new deadline

News International has decided to extend the deadline for acceptance of its £58 million compensation offer to 5,500 former employees because of the numbers who have already applied.

The deadline was to have

been today but because more than 1,300 have responded to the letter sent by the chairman, Mr Rupert Murdoch, 11 days ago, no cut-off point has been fixed for the new extension.

More than 800 of the 1.300 people have made written applications for payment. Another 500 have indicated that they wish to take the payment once details of their applications have been cleared up. The 1,300 represent nearly

International began after the

former employees, mainly

members of the print unions

Sogat '82 and the National

Graphical Association, went

on strike and were dismissed

by the company. Mr Murdoch has emphasized that there will

The offer is based on four

Members of Sogat '82 have

considering similar action.

21 rescued

off Galway

Helicopters of the Irish Air

Corps and the RAF joined in

an operation yesterday to

factory ship which ran aground on rocks near the

Aran Islands, off the West

Coast of Ireland, in gale-force

The Aran lifeboat took off

21 of the Cornelius Vrolyk's

crew. Six who remained on

board were able to refloat the

vessel on the next high tide

and make for the shelter of the

County Clare coast at the

southern end of Galway bay.

winds.

escue the crew of a Dutch

and I couldn't feel any pain at all. At that time I didn't think 25 per cent of the former total I had been spotted. I tried to workforce employed by the wave but in the end I just clung on and hoped. I must have company at Gray's Inn Road and Bouverie Street before News International moved to lapsed into unconsci because the next thing I knew I was in the rescue helicopter." its new high technology plant at Wapping, east London, in The dispute with News

Mr Morrans, who has broken arms and several stit in cuts on his face, said that he was lucky to be alive and to have been thrown clear of the

"Eyewitnesses have been

saw was a primary or second-

Mr. Eric Morrans, a trainee

technician, and Captain Pusht Vaid, the pilot, have been extensively interviewed by the

Thirteen of the 45 pas-

sengers from the British Inter-

but I couldn't man

zipped up my survival suit.

"At some time I saw some-

one else being rescued from the water. I just clung to the rope and I knew there was a

chance I was going to be rescued but I was petrified. I was really scared, " he said from his hospital bed, which is surrounded by flowers and 'Cott and 'Co

'Get well' cards, many from

"I never felt any sensation

Both survivors of the crash,

He became very emotional when asked about his col-leagues who had died and added that he was still masure whether he would ever want to fly in a helicopter again.

Mr Eric Morrans, who clung to a liferaft, in hospital yesterday Chinook disaster

Gales hinder hunt for clues

By Howard Foster

Gales and heavy seas were last night hampering the search for vital clues to the Shetland helicopter disaster.

Two offshore vessels: a semi-submersible rig, the Stadive, and an offshore diving support vessel, Deepwater
One; started a new square
search yesterday, aided by a
remote-control mini submarine and divers working at

depths of 300 ft. Boeing Chinook, But the diffione of the leading integra- the non-jury Diplock courts. I culty in locating these, even with sophisticated remote-controlled diving equipment,

The investigators are also keen to examine the helicopter's voice recorder box because this also records the rpm of the rotors just before the accident

Fishermen and land-based have been interviewed by the

carried out so far. It is expected that the bodies will be moved to Aberdeen where the Procurator-fiscal is expected to order a fatal accident inquiry in the next few days. Shetlanders marked the disaster with prayers at Remembrance Day services on the island. The other four Chinooks operating between the North Sea oil and gas

land remained grounded. interim report to Mr Michael Spicer, the Minister for Avi-

Mr David King, the inspec tor leading the six-man AIB inquiry, confirmed yesterday that the Chinook had been involved in two incidents

during its six-year life. The and decide whether it stems from primary or secondary first, in February 1983, was a transmission failure which led Causes to a small fire. In May 1984 interviewed but it has to be there had been a hydraulic established whether what they

control failure. Shortly before the heli-copter left Sumburgh Airport to pick up the men from the Brent oilfield, it had been delayed with a gearbox oil

ed components

have to assess that damage aircraft are still missing. 'I heard a loud bang

then I hit the water the worst helicopter crash in civil aviation history spoke yesterday of a "loud hang"

which signalled the Chinook's descent into the sea two miles off the Shetland Islands. Mr Eric Morrans, aged 20,

a trainee technician with Shell who was returning with 42 colleagues from the Brent oiffield, said he was sleeping when the noise happened and he lost conscio Mr Pusht Vaid, captain of

the belicopter, is reported to be suffering from severe de-pression and feels responsible for the accident, according to his employers, British Inter-national Helicopters. Mr Morraus said: "A very

lond bang woke me up from my sleep. The next thing I knew I med my eyes and there was hattered glass flying all over the cabin. "The next thing was I was

by proposals to place a legal obligation on the head of a

household to supply informa-

tion for the community charge

register, with failure to do so a criminal offence. The report says confused elderly people

may face criminal charges.

and other elderly tenants and

home owners could be put at

risk of violence from people

living with them who wish to

hitting the water. Just as a wave splashed on my face I woke up. I looked around and saw a liferaft and I tried to climb inside it but I couldn't manage so I just hooked my arm over it and clung to it. I

Record sales claimed by

Britain's tour companies are reporting record bookings for next summer. Reservations are well ahead of last year,

Heavy discounting of holiday prices, which produced a 25 per cent increase in the market last summer, is less likely Bookings at Pickfords Travel are more than twice the level of a year ago, the company said. Thomson Holidays, the market leader, is reporting sales a third higher.

tour brochures.

The most popular countries are still Spain and Greece.

be no further negotiations. weeks pay for each year of service. been given a warning that they will lose their union cards if they apply to the company. The NGA is believed to be

according to the holiday companies, attending the annual convention of the Association of British Travel Agents in Brisbane.

holiday firms

Overall, the operators expect to sell 10 per cent more holidays next summer, and a sizeable part of that will be to people taking more than one loreign holiday. Prices of fivestar holidays have risen by about 15 percent in this year's

Holiday boom, page 21

Pensioners will be penalized

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weekend.

Loyalists are preparing a total integration within the series of protests to mark the UK failed So concerned was the party at the possibility of its divisions being overheard, that

and acrimonious division

within the party being shown

His attempt to commit the

it banned the press from the floor where the conference was being held. The parliamentary party persuaded delegates to sup-

port a position in which they made no decision on either integration or devolution but instead committed themselves to smashing the Anglo-Irish agreement. Their narrow victory papers over the cracks and avoids an issue that avoids an issue that threatens to split the party asunder and undermine the leadership of Mr James Molyneaux.

The outlawed lovalist • The Irish Republic's govorganization, suspected as beernment yesterday welcomed ing a flag of convenience for the Ulster Defence Associa number of measures announced by Mr Tom King which aim to increase safeguards under Northern would be legitimate targets. Ireland's anti-terrorist The annual conference of

legisiation_ The proposals by the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland are intended to minimize the blow the Irish suffered last week when the guise of united loyalist opposi- Prime Minister rejected their demands for an increase from one to three it es sitting in

parine and divers working at leak. A repair was made. Vaid, epths of 300 ft. Mr King said: "We are still extension the collecting data. We do have a AIB. rear gearbox, rotor and back lot of evidence but it is part of the fuselage of the difficult to assess. We have

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islanders saw the accident and

Accident Investigation Board (AIB). Thirty autopsies have been

fields and the Scottish main-The AIB is under considerable pressure to present an

Fears that rate reform will hit elderly hard By a Staff Reporter

under government plans to reform the rating system by introducing a community charge to pay for local services, according to Age Concern. In the organization's response to the Green Paper on rating reform, Mr David

Hobman, director of Age Concern England, says the proposals amount to "soaking the poor to pay the rich". Age Concern believes the poorest pensioners would be even worse off. A third of single pensioners could lose up to £5 a week

women would be liable to pay the charge. Social security benefit changes would mean 2.73 million pensioner households receiving lower housing benefit in 1988 and 390,000 households losing all entitlement. Age Concern is also worned

Mr Hobman said Age Concern recognized the present rating system penalized single pensioners but added: "We are disappointed the Government wishes to replace it with under the community charge, something that will hit them according to the Age Concern report, and 1.1 million retired even harder."

The Green Paper admitted

evade the new tax.

that people in properties with low rateable value would take a higger share of financing local services. Age Concern says elderly people are more likely than other groups to live in such property, so the community charge would hit

The conjunction of comedy

with ominous hints of horror ahead works unexpectedly well. The text is already too

generous with premonition, but Callow's own translation,

vigorous much of the time and

colloquial where possible.

gives Jocasta a neat line about her jewelled brooch — "that

makes everyone's eyes pop

out". The voices of Smith and

Eddison are two of the glories

of the London stage, swoop-

ing, tender, direct yet tremu-

The faults in the play reveal

themselves later. The Sphinx

as personification of a death

weary of killing must be

accepted as Cocteau's general

stock. But his homosexual

toving with the mother-son

duet diverts the play into a

sequence of start-and-stop

love-scenes, covly interrupting

coitus with various stage

In the protracted bedroom

scene Maggie Smith, white-

faced like the young Barrault in Les Enfants, and Lambert Wilson, strong in voice and presence, have to restrict

themselves to endless remarks

on the theme of his youth and

her age. Significantly, the Sphink actually tells him the answer to her riddle, conven-

ing it into a fact of adult life lit-

the boys cannot be expected to

grasp. The fourth act, covering

the events of Sophocles's en-

tire play, gives such a perfunc-

tory treatment to the myth

And yet the imaginative and

precisely colourful staging, the

physical presence of the play-

ers and the odd line ringing

out with its dreamlike mar-

riage of sense and contradic-

tion, all this makes the

production - flawed though

the text is, to the heart - a

lively treat for the senses. Less

so to the waking mind.

that the tragedy is never

expressed.

lous with echoes.

mechanisms.

Shaping language

Cockney is derived from "cokeney", the Middle Eng-lish for a misshapen egg. From the 17th century it was used by country folk to describe pam-pered runts living in towns. In charting cokeney's course from the common language of all Londoners to its relegation, via Johnson's dictionary and the public schools, to the speech of the lower orders, The Muvrer Tongue (BBC2) was itself a bit misshapen.

Uncertain as to whether he was analyzing accents or slang, Robert MacNeil wandered colourfully off the cliff in trying to link the "diabolical liberty" of costermongers with the sardonic self-confidence of Barry Humphries in the Barry Humphries in the Australian outback. His most telling example of the way accent changes was in compar-ing the Notions exam at Winchester 20 years on.
While falling to pick up on the
many Anglo-Saxon derivations, he did demonstrate how in pronouncing some of their private jargon Wykehamists today reflect the smartness of being down-market. One thing at least has not changed. Even without their straw bats, they would still pass muster as vegetable sellers.

TELEVISION

The People's War (Channe 4) began its seven-part series with a look at the way cockneys coped in the days before the blitz. Using the archive of Mass Observation (a barely explained and as a result rather sinister organization of professional eavesdroppers and diary-keepers), Taylor Downing's film argued that, far from displaying determina-tion under fire, our civilation population were thoroughly demoralized.

The programme did not however deliver the revelations it promised. Though keen to explore the problems behind the official, happy facade of evacuated children, what it produced as evidence— like bed-wetting— seemed rather trifling compared with the invasion of Poland and France. Much more successful and interesting was the second half's dispassionate look at how civry street was affected by measures like the blackout. By January 1940, one person in five had suffered an accident in the dark.

In a gimmicky exercise milked for its comic rather than its culinary potential, (BBC2) took a Sheffield council driver, John Wilcock, to the Dorchester. Under Anton Mosimann's direction and Chris Kelly's bland narration, Wilcock unconvincingly cook-ed a meal for his wife and daughter. While waiting for it they had so stuffed themselves from the tea trolly that, when Wilcock presented them with symphonie de fruits de mer, they looked as if they had been given a stomach-turning mix-ture of raw goat and the bill (the latter amounting to what Wilcock earns in a week).

Nicholas Shakespeare again, roll back on to their

CONCERTS

Carlo Maria Giulini's perfor-

mances of the Verdi Requiem have tolled commandingly

through the years, and Sunday

night's did not disappoint.

Right from the start, with the

strings' pronounced vibrato suggesting a soft-focus view of

the chorus, his control of tone

was exact. And equally for-

midable were the resources of

sheer volume and attack he

At the opening of the Dies

drew from the Philharmonia.

irae it seemed quite possible

that the four horsemen of the

apocalypse would come riding

over the pipework of the Festival Hall organ, so fero-cious and resounding were the

timpani strokes and the blasts

of eight trumpeters; and yet at

the same time there was the

calmness of supreme auth-

ority in the gesture.
Giulini's authority may not

quite extend to wresting an

assured cantabile from the

violins when they are playing

in the upper register, but they

were clearly on their toes in

supplying accompanimental

figures with exact simultaneity

and a nice judgement of

weight: if they were required

to brush something in softly.

they did so together and with

the same emphasis. The

Philharmonia Chorus, 100.

worked with unwavering

discipline over a wide range of

dynamics and colour, even

though once or twice - at the

start of the Sanctus, for in-

stance - they appeared to be

expecting a rather different

Philharmonia/

Festival Hall

Giulini

The composure of

total authority

A rediscovery of power out of obscurity

GALLERIES

David Smith Whitechapel

Julian Opie Lisson

The Treasures of Fyvie Agnew's

Turner Prize Tate

November 25 Bill Woodrow will, it is hoped, receive this year's Turner Prize and young British sculptors will be given some of the acclaim long overdue to them in their own country. It is therefore appropriate that London at the moment has a number of spectacular sculpture exhibitions. Opening within 10 days of the Hayward's Rodin exhibition is the Whitechapel's David Smith show (until January 4). The American's influence on British work is far more extensive than is normally credited; an appreciation of him, which the Whitechapel makes so easy, leads straight to Britain through Anthony

Whilst the exhibition's aim is to show Europeans the wealth of Smith's early work, the tragedy of his death in 1965 is underlined by the last two years' output. Coming from a remote part of Indiana, his first contact with art was through reproduction, in particular from the French magazine Cahiers d'art. He could not read French, but Picasso's and Gonzalez's use of welded iron struck a note with his own previous experiences working in a car factory. He wanted to be a painter, most of his closest friends were painters and he considered himself a painter throughout his life. His drawings however

DANCE

Antonin Preljocaj, the last

visitor to this year's Dance Umbrella, is a Frenchman of

Albanian family who formed

his own company only two years ago. Since then, two of

the three works he showed at

the Theatre Artaud of the

Institut Français have won

He turns out to be another

exponent of the gestural school, which has been the

flavour of the month. In each

work he and his small troupe

slice the air sharply with their

hands, or move their heads

briskly from centre to side.

They also lie down and get up

But the more important

polished and confident ac-

ensembles, where four very different voices behaved like

immiscible liquids. Paata

Burchuladze seemed 10 need

no effort to sing out with an

impersonal strength, booming like a bell in the Lux aeterna.

whereas Arthur Davies, sing-

ing splendidly, and the richly

colourful Florence Quivar

sionate. So too was Linda

Roark-Strummer, but to more

detached effect, since she has a

voice of intensely bright tim-bre and fast vibrato, though

she wields it with daring force.

A newcomer to this sort of

company, she could perhaps

afford to take a little more care

Horst Neumann, chorus-mas-ter of the Philharmonia Chorus, is interviewed by Richard Mor-rison in columns 5 and 6.

Academy of

Elizabeth Hall

Paul Griffiths

of herself.

were both much more pas-

count was in the texture of the

Preljocaj

Institut Français

rarely come to life and appear as poor pastiches which even his very earliest sculptures never do. Saw Head and Agricola Head of 1933 owe an obvious debt to Picasso, like much throughout the Thirties and Forties, from the majesty of Structure of Arches (1939) to the alarming wit of Appressive Character (1947), but one

can also see a new spirit emerging.

The exhibition has travelled to Frankfurt and Dusseldorf, where Smith was hailed as an "impressive rediscovery". He is even more relevant to the British. The Voltri series, which assimilates many cultural as well as sculptural influences, prepares one for the dignity of the Cubi series, but not for the interplay between the two- and three-dimensional that has intrigued so many sculptors since. Though Smith painted many of his earlier surfaces, they cannot rival the polished and scratched stainless steel of the last works. Untitled (Candida) of 1965 consists of eight small sheets of steel welded like a fan into a rough Greek cross with a hole in the middle. Like most of his work, designed for outdoors, it reacts with nature. Caught by the sun or spotlights, a dazzling pattern is revealed.

Julian Opie has always played tricks with the surface of his sculpture. In the past he has drawn vivid and basic pictures on welded steel. His present exhibition (until December 20) is far removed from that. He is still painting surfaces, but with spray paint intended to highlight the shapes and proportions and not break them up. Though linked with sculptors like Woodrow and Cragg, he is nearly two generations of sculptors removed from Caro, so perhaps no longer feels the need to rebel against the purities of early Caro and late Smith. He must be congratulated on breaking from the mould expected of him, but these architectural forms, however useful they may be as explorations of his ability, lack conviction as independent works.

very different exhibition, The Treasures of Fyvie, at Agnew's until December 12, highlights our deficiencies in supporting living artists by revealing just how effectively our heritage has been pro-

shoulders, and march with military stride from one part

of the stage to another. He has

hold of him.



The arrogance of the grand tourist displayed in full splendom in Batoni's Colonel William Gordon, among The Treasures of Fyrie at Aguew's

moted in the last few years. The Treasure Houses of Britain exhibition in Washington has raised to celebrity status Fyvie's portrait of Colonel Gordon by Batoni, which dominates the present show. The arrogance of the grand tourist is displayed in full splendour. Though the ruins in the background are those of the oftenused Colosseum and not a triumphal arch, there is no doubt, as the statue of Roma profess a victor's wreath and an orb of command, that the Scottish colonel is demanding comparison with the greatest of Roman generals.

Agnew's exhibition, sponsored by the Scottish Tourist Board and the National Heritage Memorial Fund, and held in aid of the National Trust of Scotland, illustrates a typical story of British collecting. When the Gordons' era of casual but natural patronage ended, Fyvie was bought by a descendant of a previous owner. Sir Alexander Forbes-Leith, as he became after amassing a fortune in

America, built a fine collection of portraits under the guidance of Agnew's. There are 11 Rzeburns. though the most glamorous is on loan to the Tate and has been used on a catalogue cover of Painting in Scotiand. A striking Lawrence of the Countess of Oxford with her equally worrying dog, and a William Beechey also manage to hold their own under the distainful nose of Colonel Gordon at the end of the room.

The Tate have given a slightly larger space than last year to the Turner Prize short-list (until December 7), but sadly it makes little difference. The display looks as though the organizers are actually trying to put the public off contem-porary art, the absolute opposite of their professed aim. Even a Woodrow masterpiece, A Self-portrait in a Nuclear Age, a concise vision of discrientated and threatened man, struggles for sympathy.

Alistair Hicks

Horst Neumann (left) has risen to conduct an orchestra of his own, but he still trains the Philharmonia Chorus, who repeat their Verdi Requiem under Giulini at the Festival Hall tonight: interview by Richard Morrison

Masterly touch in a great tradition

The recruiting process was bizarre but ultimately effective. About three years ago the Philharmonia Chorus. striving to maintain the standards achieved by its first chorus-master, the remark-able Wilhelm Pitz, hit on an unusual way of finding the right musician to inherit his mantle. The chorus members would listen to recordings of choirs from all over the world until they found one whose sound came nearest to their ideal Logically, the person who trained that choir would be the right appointment.

All went well, up to a point. The members were most im-pressed by the Leipzig Radio Choir: 80 professionals featured on numerous Karajan, Böhm and Carlos Kleiber recordings. But then came the task of locating the man accredited on the record sleeves with the choir's training one Horst Neumann. The Philharmonia Chorus wrote to the GDR embassy. The embassy contacted the foreign ministry in East Berlin. The foreign ministry passed the letter to the East German state concert agency. And there, for some strange reason.

languished. Neumann, by this time promoted to chief conductor of the Leipzig Radio Or-chestra, knew the letter from the Philharmonia Chorus existed, but not what it said. He was intrigued, and contacted a West Berlin agency for a London telephone number. "Normally", he admits. "I would not be interested in conducting choirs again, and I was most careful because I knew the Philharmonia Chorus was not professional. But I also knew the story of Klemperer and Pitz, and how important a part this chorus

played in your musical life." A trial rehearsal was fixed. After five minutes it was clear, for them and for me" says Neumann, "From the beginning the human under-

standing was very well. Of course", he continues, choosing his words carefully. "the level artistical was not so as I was used to. But I am very respectful for one thing: that is their enthusiasm. They are rehearsing after a long day's job, with full hundred per cent participation." As for that clusive choral sound. Neumann (whose own prime mentor was Karl Bohm) believes that what the Philharmonia is

quintessentially Germanic approach, with full expressive shading and "womanly" sopranos. "This is different from the English tradition, which is based on the sound of your college chapel choirs with

their very young voices."
Since Neumann was appointed a year ago, rehearsals with him have been concentrated into intense bursts. Last week there were four rchearsals leading up to the Verdi Requiem performances conducted by Giulini in the Festival Hall on Sunday and tonight. I asked Neumann whether it was difficult for a highly experienced conductor to prepare a chorus for someone else's interpretation. When I take such a job I know what I must do. The only important thing is that the performance touches the audience's emotions. Who does what is not important. Of course I would like to conduct these works myself, but I can do that in Leipzig and other

Does he ever find himself at variance with a conductor's approach? I mentioned Giulini's extraordinary perfor-mance of Bach's B minor Mass last season. "You must understand, what Giulini is doing now is a Credo of his life. From that viewpoint I accepted and understood that performance, even though I may have found it too introverted, too undramatic."

Neumann, 52 this year, is a canny observer of the western musical scene: one senses that a similarly astute stance towards his own country's culture has in the past not entirely enhanced his career prospects. "A lot of years it was not so easy for me" is his terse comment. His 29-yearold son by his first marriage served an 18-month prison sentence for refusing military service, and now lives in West

THEATRE

The Infernal Machine Lyric. Hammersmith

At the pivotal moment in the second act of Cocteau's monstre sarce of a play the dashing young Oedipus (Lambert Wilson) is invited by a seemingly innocent nymph (Veronica Smart) to close his eyes. No sooner has he obeyed than the broken columns on the mound behind him soar ir to the air and erect themselves into an arch, the girl slides into the nearby statue of the Sphinx - whom, of course, she is - and scaly wings flap open against the rocks at her

It is an astounding transformation. A less imaginative production team would have lowered the arch from above but here it miracously climbs up from the ground like a camel hurling to its feet. Simon Callow (direction), Bruno Santini (design) and the cast seem set to accomplish something really remarkable - nothing less than the redemption of an honoured piece of the French poetic drama of the entre deux guerras, a genre regarded with the deepest suspicion this side of Calais.

Cocteau begins his reworking of the legend with soldiers treading the steeply raked. Cyclopean battlements of Thebes where dead Laius, like Hamiet's father, has been heard uttering warning moans. Jocasta (Maggie Smith), like a society hostess visiting some intriguing new night-spot with her beloved Tiresias (Robert Eddison), admires the physique of a young guard. Laius calls to her from within the granite in vain.

Lyceum, Edinburgh

ductions, Jules Wright's beau-

ning Ms Wright's production

lie both its strength and

limitations - but it is wonder-

fully housed by Colin Mac-

Neil's design, combining aus-terity with symbolic versa-

Huge slabs of grey wall

encase the stage: a Scottish

castle unmistakably, but also a

walled-in tomb, a dark barrer

cell in which Macbeth and those around him are cabined.

cribbed, confined. While sur-

prise guillotine-swift doors

may trecherously conceal and

reveal, they also allow plays of

light. Music threatens in the

background and the whole

stage can be screened off by a veil of foul rain (though

occasional thunderous down-

pours make heavy weather too

Against these primary col-

ours the action is intense and

of audibility).

Macbeth

Jeremy Kingston

of Shakespeare's tragedies, this is a very purified production, creating a dark enclosed arena suspended from normality. It is an arena, how-The first in a succession of ever, of human possibility. occasional guest-directed pro-The vice that grips and unites the Macbeths in this productiful, sombre Macheth achtion feels unnatural, but not ieves its power through partnership. In the clearly determined vision underpinsupernatural. Within this scope Julie

Covington and Jonathan Hyde are persuasive and well balanced - their Macbeths are almost one body, in love, excited by one another and quickened by the thrill of danger. United first by purpose, then by deed, they end

up empty, barren and alone. Their final isolation and barrenness are echoed throughout the production as characters, isolated in pools of light, address the audience more than each other. This, together with some underdeveloped minor parts, does bring its problems - some scenes are static to the point of tedium and the play's political themes wither desperately. It is a production of force and conviction, focused by vivid, starkly effective images, but what it sorely lacks is shading and a whole darker, more

ambivalent dimension. Sarah Hemming

found a new formula for partnering whereby the man just stands still and the woman somehow gets herself This is done to unexpected combinations of music: in Blue Fears to extracts from Beethoven overtures, with an electronic prelude; in Black Market to pop music and Verdi; in White Tears to Bach. some recorded speech and Purcell. He also provides programme notes which may be some kind of surrealist joke, since they relate in no way to what one actually sees on stage. Full marks for effort, but not for dance interest. The outcome is unusual, carefully polished and enormously

John Percival

LSO/ **Tilson Thomas** Barbican

In the coming days Michael Tilson Thomas and the London Symphony Orchestra see much of each other. The American conducts the orchestra on its annual Shell UK tour. If they scale the same heights in Birmingham, Aber-deen, Glasgow, Leeds and Liverpool as they did here, it week on the road.

Tilson Thomas's seemingly instinctive command — his Maazel-like ability to galvanize, even to mesmerize, his forces into unanimous execution of more or less any idea he chooses to esponse - has always been his prime asset. One was instantly aware of it in a performance of Berlioz's Benvenuto Cellini Overture which was immaculately precise yet fizzing with wit and a concern for idiomatic shading.

Now, however, he is reveal-ing he has the patience to shape larger paragraphs and build expressive intensity in passages which do not respond to his more usual shock-

London/Stamp his arms around as if he were possessed by the very devil.

There was undoubtedly a concert going on here. You could tell that by the sight and sound of the Academy of London and their two guest soloists, one of them ex- nade for Strings with scarcely tremely eminent. But I was sure that there was also some kind of melodramatic ballet being danced simultaneously by the conductor, Richard Stamp. Not only was this remarkably athletic man engaged for much of the time in doing exactly what his name suggests: he also occupied and her control over it re-himself with a rigorous rou-tine that involved bending his stance, her sudden pianissimo

knees, keeling alarmingly to and fro. violently shaking his head, grimacing and waving

But thankfully his small orchestra seemed to be composed of reliable players able to deliver a decent performance of Tchaikovsky's Serea glance in his direction. And it was an even greater relief that his strange manner failed to distract the soprano Gundula Janowitz in her singing of three Mozart arias (four if you count the encore. "Voi che sapete"). Her gloriously pure voice is still in its full bloom.

tactics. So the valedictory end of Strauss's Ein Heidenleben dramatic and still-evolving, not allowed to sink into its customary self-satisfied stupor. Earlier he elicited some splendidly pictorial playing at refreshingly brisk tempos. The "battle", after some unfortunate off-stage fanfares, heated into a positively Iveslike cacophony, while Michael Davis's stylish violin solos ushered in a suitably urgent

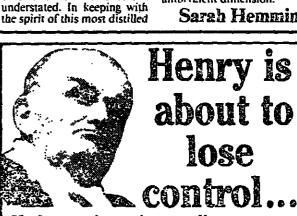
Perhaps orchestra and conductor were inspired by their participation in Cécile Ousset's vision of Rachmaninov's Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini. The French pianist was in brilliant form, opening up aspects of the piece I had never experienced before. All the notes, for instance. Her incisive pointing of passage-work and her volatile responsiveness to mood-changes were expected, but her headstrong power was astonishing Possibly variations 17 and the ubiquitous 18 lacked wistfulyouthful ardour that dispelled all the work's Dies irae

forebodings. Richard Morrison

high Cs in Fiordiligi's aria "Per pietà" made abundantly clear. And, while the mock nobility in "Alma grande e nobil core" was delivered with the perfect degree of intimacy. the genuine passions of "Vado, ma dove?" became all the more vivid through the delicacy of her tonal shadings.

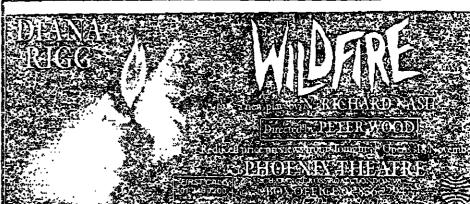
Despite moments of ragged ensemble, all too under-standable in the circumstances, the orchestra made some fine sounds both here and in Mozart's Piano Con-certo in A. K414. Neil Rutman's reading of this work, however, was an awk-wardly balanced if technically assured one.

Stephen Pettitt | really striving after is a



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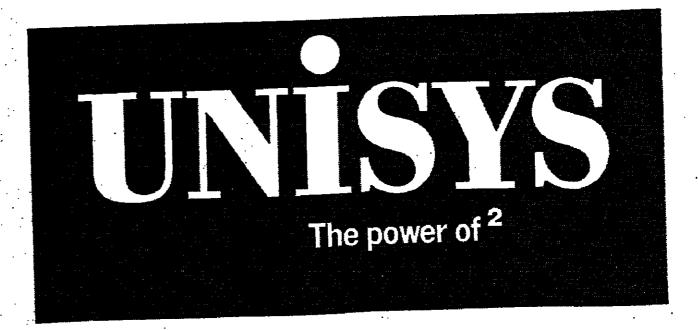
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SPECTRUM

Police control: who's in charge?



"Political" strikes and riots have created bitter divisions between the police and local authorities, while the Home Secretary's role is also under attack.

In the second of a five-part series we describe how the power is allocated and talk to the men who wield it

Part 2: Divisions of duty

he history of the British police is pep-pered with minor skirmishes between chief constables and politicians but in the past five years confrontation has question of who controls the police will be a major issue at the next general election.

Liverpool councillors have quarrelled incessantly with their chief constable, while in Manchester plans to mount armed patrols in the city met with an outcry. During the miners' strike, left-wing councillors in South Yorkshire tried to stop the chief constable spending money on policing the dispute. The re-fusal of some police authori-ties to countenance plastic bullets has led the Home Office to create a central store. councils have banned the poleducational visits.

Urban politicians want greater influence in police activity. Shire politicians are worried about the increase in power at the centre. Home Office ministers warn that Labour plans for community involvement will mean that opponents of the police will be placed in power over them. After 20 years the "tripartite arrangement" for sharing con-trol of the police between chief constables, police authorities and ministers is under attack.

Enshrined in the 1964 Police Act, the aim of the arrangent was to create checks and balances, allowing play for national or local interests without unecessary conflict. The Home Secretary has extremely wide powers to influence the nature of policing. His remit covers the pay and regulations of the police, the monitoring of the service through a network of inspectors of constabulary, approval of candidates for chief constable and the removal of

incumbents when necessary. Perhaps the most important practical function is the payment of a central grant normally representing half of each force's annual budget. At the same time the Home Secretary is the police authority for the Metropolitan Police, the country's largest force. Budget estimates for 1986-7 show that the central government contribution to policing in England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland will top £2.8 billion.

At a local level, policing devolves to individual chief constables and police authorities made up of local coun-

JPs (one third). Under the Act the authorities are responsible for securing "the maintenance of an adequate and efficient police force" which means chief constable, subject to the approval of the Home Secretary, and they can also discipline him or his senior officers. They shape his bedget and the general logistics of his force but be controls The 1962 Royal Commis-

sion on the police also sug-gested that the authorities had responsibility for fostering good police and public rela-tions plus the task of guiding or advising the chief constable basic duty under the 1964 act of conducting the "direction and control" of his force.

According to a judgment in 1968, "no minister can tell him he must or must not keep observation on this place or that, he must or must not prosecute this man or that nor can any police authority tell him so. The responsibility is on him. He is answerable to the law and the law alone."

But it is argued by chief constables that they are accountable in other ways through the courts, or to police authorities and the Home Office. The 1964 act says that a chief constable may have to submit a report to his authority on policing matters they might raise.

the public interest or comes outside the authority's remit. If the two then disagree the Home Secretary arbitrates.

The Home Secretary, too, ing matters - for example, the call for a report from the Essex chief constable into the investigation on the Jeremy Bamber case.
Chief constables themselves

have been less than happy in the past about the workings of the tripartite arrangement. In the 1970s the decision to create a Police Complaints Board was seen as a threat to the chief officer's autonomy and a step towards centralism.

But the main source of friction in recent years has been between police authorities, largely in the urban forces, and their chief constables. Despite the abolition of the large metropolitan authorities and their replacement by joint boards of local councillors and JPs, the tropble may not stop.

Stewart Tendler



s befits a former diplomat who once served in Pe-king, Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, looks at his relationship with the police with professional detachment. He cultivates an appearance of almost deliberate powerlessness when it comes to police operations.

Mandarins looking for a malleable minister might welcome him as one of their own. But appearances are deceptive. He gives his recreation as writing thrillers and one of his books is The Smile on the Face of the Tiger. Behind his quiet and careful words in this interview with The Times he discloses a fundamental belief in the

rule of law.
As the forces under their command have grown larger, police chiefs in many people's eyes have become powerful figures, who are not subject to control. Hurd does not agree. He says they must be independent to operate within the law, and that the constraint of the law is sufficient without his intervention.

For those outside the corridors of power, the combination of chief constables and Home Secretary looks as if it could be overwhelming, particularly in the use of a general strategy during time of unrest.

But Hurd is reassuring "All I can say is that, as Minister of State during most of the miners' strike, it wouldn't have occurred to me or the Home Secretary or any of us to call a meeting with the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO) to decide how it should be done. And they would have been horrified if we had."

One litmus test is the mutual aid organized from the National Reporting Centre, ostensibly run by ACPO. Some would find it difficult to believe that ACPO by itself decided on such a major change in policing. to organize the massive transfer of resources, without having had some guidance from the Home Office.

"Well they did; they did because it was necessary," Hurd says, "There was no new principle of mutual aid.

The low profile policy

The Home Secretary is responsible to the

Commons for the police. Should he be free to take a direct hand in tactics? Douglas Hurd thinks not

The principle was as old as the hills." Mutual aid would not require his approval. He would be notified.

The same sort of deliberate, political powerlessness applies to the manual that was produced by ACPO on police tactics for use on occasions such as the miners' strike or other major public disorder. It has never been published in full. ACPO takes the view that to do so would help those against whom the tactics might

be used.

Hurd knows what is in it, but asked if he would have to approve it,

he replies: "No. Oh, no."

The ACPO then could presumably, within the manual, introduce all sorts of measures without the Home Secretary's approval? Hurd says: "This is operational independence. They are under the law. There is no exemption from the law: the doctrine of the use of reasonable force, to take one example. They are entitled to use only the same amount of reasonable force as any other

citizen.
"Supposing you have a riot of the

same ferocity as in Tottenham a year ago. Supposing this time that police decided to use their plastic baton rounds to protect their men. I think that is part of the operational independence of the police and they should be able to do that. It's a decision which has to be taken very quickly. To give the Home Secretary quickly. To give the Home Secretary the power of veto might mean the decision couldn't be taken in a

timely way.

One of the safeguards against overwhelming police power is the number of different forces in the number of the force of that country. Hurd is in favour of that and against a national force. The problem, however, is that the police these days are stretched in so many different directions, having so many different roles: the armed policeman

in a siege one day may be helping an old lady over the road the next.

Some police see a case for a separate force to handle disorder and terrorism. Mr Hurd does not. "The idea of caged tigers to be unleashed upon the crowd is wrong and contrary to the tradition of British policing," he says.

Yet there is a gap between police and public in some places and Manual Property of the policy of the po

and public in some places and Mr Hurd knows it. The strategy to deal with it includes consultative groups, recruiting of ethnic minorities, and neighbourhood watch schemes.

The long stop for relationships potentially fraught with difficulty is the Police Complaints Authority. It is still bedding down, Hurd says, but its independent supervision of the handling of complaints is proving its

about a particular policing issue that the Inspectorate cannot sort out, Whitehall's way is to set up a working group. One has been established, for example, over the use of firearms. All aspects, including procedures and training, are to be considered. The report is nearing completion and Hurd has promised to make its conclusions known to the

Peter Evans

Capturing public support

Crude crime statistics and clear-up rates are no measure of the police's true value, says Sir Kenneth Newman, head of Britain's largest force

ir Kenneth Newman does not talk like a policeman. His vocabulary is suave, managerial and organizational; he gives the impression that he considers himself not so much a crime fighter as a chief executive, whose field of operation happens to be police work rather than groceries or coal.

Aged 60, and approaching the end of his career, he has been the Commissioner of the inetropolitan Police for four years, during which time he has completely reorganized the force geographically, shortened its command structures and in-creased its efficiency and scientific sophistication.

He has not made the progress he hoped for, however, in capturing public support for the police; relations between police and blacks remain intractably tense; organized crime syndicates are spreading their tentacles; and inner-city rioting is a constant possibility. Despite the Chancellor's autumn statement last week that the total increased provision for the police during the next three years will be £1.26 billion, Sir Kenneth has a force which he believes is severely undermanned.

The public is interested in only one thing: are the police "winning the battle against crime". On that criterion the figures suggest not. London's reported crime continues to rise; the police's clear-up rates remain abysmal. But Sir Kenneth does not accept the crude statistical test for the police's success or failure

"It makes more sense to be judged on that range of crime on which the police could be expected to make an impact - murder, violent woundings and assaults, kidnappings, armed robberies. If you look at those, we're not doing too badly. But for the great majority of crime it is unreasonable to expect the police by themselves to make much of an impact."

"If people looked at it rationally, the volume of reported crime would be regarded more sensibly as an indicator of the health of society generally, and of the performance of agencies other than the police, like parents and schools."

police and the public" as the most important issue facing the Met. The inability of the police to prevent and detect crime on their own is a cornerstone of his philosophy.

He is proud of the 5,000-plus neighbourhood watch schemes that have been set up since he became Commissioner and of the growth of liaison and consultation with local communities. But, according to polls which Scotland Yard itself has commissioned, public satisfaction with the police remains at a stubborn 75 per cent or so, which suggests that up to a million adult Londoners have their reservations. Some of the successes which he claims have their

negative aspects as well. Neighbourhood watch schemes still tend to congregate in middleclass areas among people already

6 If people looked at it rationally, the volume of reported crime would be regarded more sensibly as an indicator of the health of society generally 9

well disposed towards the police.

though there have been a few breakthroughs into the less promising territory of council estates and high-rise blocks. Nor does the neighbourhood watch necessarily reduce crime.Sir Kenneth admits that there is a strong

displacement effect. "There is evidence of several kinds of displacement - spatial from one area to another, temporal, from one time of day to another; and tactical, moving from one crime to another, burglary to street robbery for instance," he He has far less cause for optimism

When he took over as Commis- about relations between police and

sioner, he put "relations between the blacks. All Metropolitan policemen are now taught about ethnic cultures and how to deal with blacks and Asians in a way least likely to cause misunderstanding or offence. But mutual suspicion is the norm, and attempts to recruit more black policemen have had only limited

"Over the last 20 years," Sir Kenneth says, "there has been very tendentious treatment of policing matters in some of the ethnic newspapers, which has not projected a fair picture of the police. They're entitled to point to police abuse, but they go beyond that, with a stream of anti-police material. It hasn't done very much to improve relations."

Inner-city tension has also resulted in criticisms that the Metropolitan Police in effect accept the existence of no-go areas, especially in Brixton. Sir Kenneth accepts that a different "style" of policing may be necessary in some areas where the police's duty to enforce the letter of the law might conflict with their duty to preserve the peace.

The conversation, whatever area of policing is under discussion, keeps returning to inadequate manpower and resources. Sir Kenneth has a persuasive line in relevant statistical comparisons. He points out that crime-related activities account for only 25 per cent of the police's time, the rest being taken up by other demands on the force like traffic management, protecting embassies, monitoring demonstrations and dealing with paperwork.

His priorities are to put more policemen on the streets and to increase the number of officers investigating organized crime, especially with a drugs connection, which he sees as his biggest long-term problem. "There are hundreds of millions of pounds washing around. Eventually all that money is going to have to be laundered. That has the most horrendous implications for the stability, peace and security of society. However much skilful juggling of

resources Sir Kenneth is able to do. something has to go. It has meant hard choices, but they haven't been



Organized: Sir Kenneth Newman, worried by the manpower shortage

made arbitrarily. We go out and sample market preferences." That public preference is clearly for more bobbies on the beat.

Sir Kenneth's early years at the Yard were bedevilled by a suspicious force's resistance to his methods and philosophy. He was accused of being too much the theoretician, too absorbed with planning at the expense of action, in essence, too "soft". Sir Kenneth is irritated when people see organization and action as

contradictory aims.
"I think gradually they're begin-

ning to see the benefits of reorganization. There's less paperwork, less bureaucracy. I would not, however, pretend that the constable on the street fully understands the logic of what I'm doing."

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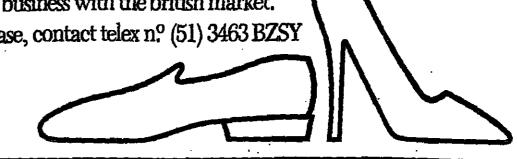
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King of the supple suit

close up NINO CERRUTI Kathleen Turner, Hollywood's new queen of curves.

is among the fans of Nino Cerruti (below), whose restrained style and classic cut have gained him a crown



he suit is the fashion statement which opens the 20th century, says Nino Cerruti: "It represents our century of industry." The Italian-born designer can claim to have invented the man's suit as we know it light, supple, sexy and a symbol of power dressing that has conquered the globe.

"The only things that last in fashion are clothes that have a real reason," says Cerruti. "For both men and women, our subconscious demands that we wear clothes that work with life."

This autumn in London, Nino Cerruti has opened his twenty-fifth shop. It is dedicated to the purist principles of fashion which he has practised from his Paris headquarters for the past 20 years. Those qualities were once considered essentially English: tradition, quiet good taste, classic cut, fine fabrics and a

lack of show. Cerruti has stayed with his style come hell or hot pants or, as he puts it, he has "protected a certain number of values against the barbarian invasion. For a number of years I was pretty much alone among the crazy and outrageous

est Queen of the Curves, who smouldered at his Paris show in a sober grey striped suit and says that she likes the "restraint" of his designs. Cerruti also tailors for Jack Nicholson and for Sting, whose sharp suits set style for

the young. Cerrun's success as a new generation tailor comes from the fine cloths made by the company his grandfather founded in northern Italy in

Seeing the ready-to-wear way of the world back in 1957, young Nino set up a tailoring factory which foreshadowed the successful commercial growth of the Italian menwear industry.

Cerruti now vies for the title of King of the Suit with Giorgio Armani, who trained for three years with Cerruti. Both designers make clothes that are free from the bravura which characterizes Italian men's fashion and makes Englishmen nervous.

"A suit is done for a person, not for an audience," says Cerruti. "It will never be more important than when that person is wearing it. But you can still combine moderation and whimsicality."

He designs sports clothes as well as tailoring and plays with Nino Cerruti has a more colour, making a classic jacket ambovant side to his career. in anthracise tweed flecked He is increasingly suitmaker with yellow, green, rose pink, who may carry on the family getting rid to the stars, including Kath-picking up the same colours in business. He is wearing a decoration." keen Turner, Hollywood's lat- tender cashmere sweaters, so- knitted polo-collared sweater,



The ultimate tuxedo: grey and black fleck dinner jacket, plain trousers £615, pleat-front dinner shirt, silvered tie and cummerbund. All from Cerruti, 76 New Bond Street, W1

ber collegiate ties or Argyll

checked socks. There are new volumes, new materials, new techniques and new ideas," he says. "But vou cannot separate the material you use from the garments and you cannot make the shape without understanding the material. Comfort is the key. Tailoring is something that follows your body but does not define it."

Nino Cerruti is 56, a family man with an elegant French wife and a son and daughter who may carry on the family getting rid of gratuitous

an invention of the 1930s which he describes as another fashion symbol of the century, along with the jogging suit. His women's wear collec-

tions, launched in 1976, are played out in soft flannel, camel hair or even pin-stripes, all based on the lines of the male wardrobe. "But not that horrendous word 'unisex'," he says. "There is a kind of classic comfort that comes from using men's materials in a feminine way. Man has been

He dismisses the wild and



whacky: "There has been such Cumbrian slate floors and an orgy of fashion and too maple wood fittings rounded much of it has never gone off in tan leather. Does Cerruti really believe further than the runway on which it was presented. Fashion is not an abstract exercise like pure art, that you do today

people look better."

that his men's ready-to-wear suits, which sell at prices not far off Savile Row, are as and wait 20 years for people to desirable as the tailor-made suit? In England, he says, "the understand. The main purpose of fashion is to make fine work of the tailors is not His shops are designed by his friend, the Milanese architect Vico Magistretti, who

shares Cerruti's love of natumodernity. This has been interpreted in Bond Street as a in a variety of torso shapes, for suits, but the present is two-floor shop with polished shoulder widths and propor- much more fun."

tions. The prices (about £500 for a suit and £300 for a jacket) point up, he says, the difference between the expensive ("a high price without value

behind it") and the costly ("that gives real value"). What does he think of the return of the suit, and the revenge of the formal on a followed up by the clothing decade of casual clothes? "We industry. The rules of the have had our period of beauty game are different in France and freedom in fashion." he decade of casual clothes? "We and Italy, Italian fashion was says with a twinkle. "There born with ready-to-wear and is will be a return to structures His off-the-peg suits come values. I think it will be good

PEOPLE **Back to** nature

I hear that photographer John Swannell, whose cult book of nudes à la nature is launched by Quartet on Thursday, has some more surprises up his record sleeve. Versatile Swannell her decime on Duran has designs on *Duran* Duran, and will soon be showing us Simon le Bon wearing "an Old Etonian look". Any hopes of seeing Simon or his luscious wife Yasmin in the buff at this week's bash at Hamilton's Gallery are dashed by the discovery that the fashion crowd are expected to come fully dressed.

Fandango



Karl Lagerfeld is expecting all his greatest fans tomor-row when he holds open shop in Bond Street from 11.30am with Anna Piagi to celebrate the publication of their joint chef d'oeuvre. His signature is yours for the (vast) price of the Thames and Hudson tome. And the shop's fashion directrice Lady Rendle-sham will be happy to let him sign all the frocks you care to buy.

Money talks

What was behind the betrothal pictures of the sleek Italian tycoon Carlo De Benedetti sitting with a shy Yves Saint Laurent against the panther fur cushions in Yves's Paris apartment? Almost all was revealed last Thursday when Pierre Bergé, Yves's constant companion and business brain, announced a financial marriage of convenience which gives the Italian company a 25 per cent stake in YSL. And why should a company going public in 1989, and which has given Yves houses in Morocco. 2 Proustian folly in France; and a fabled art collection. need more working capital? Paris gossip is hot on the scent of Charles of the Ritz, the company that owns 📑 YSL fragrances (as well as currently up for sale.

* Sole sisters under the skin

Rugged winter shoes are tak-ing a walk on the wild side this season (Rebecca Tyrrel writes). The newest women's shoes are made from ponyskin, dyed in vivid automo greens and russets and patterned with animal prints, leopard spots or zebra stripes. Tough soles are cut in geo-metric shapes to lift you out of muddy rats or grip slippery city streets.

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Stort walking shoes are decorated with shiny studs. mottled leather and punching; moccasins lose their district nurse look with a palette of autumnal colours from chestnut brown to mossy green.



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Bubbling under

Scotland Yard is about to put in a civilian to police its own public relations department. Front-runner as director of the 70-strong department is Robin Goodfellow temporarily marketing chief at English Heritage, an organization whose only recent dealings with the police were at Stonehenge. He succeeds Deputy Assistant Commissioner Richard Wells, who enjoyed a salary at least £4,000 higher than his civilian replacement. I understand that two senior civil servants in line for the post pulled out when they heard it paid a mere £26,000 (or thereabouts). Goodfellow says he has only been "paper-pushing" during his months at English Heritage. Such modesty will encourage talk that the Yard has downgraded the crucial job of smoothing its public image. After all, the last civilian to hold the post was Bob Gregory, best remembered not as a police spokesman but as the inventor of Schweppes' Schhh. You Know

Left hook

Neil Kinnock is mistaken if he thinks he has tamed the hard left and firmly established his leadership of the party. John Wilton, Labour's parliamentary candidate for Birmingham, Édgbaston, launches a vitriolic attack against leader and deputy leader in this month's London Labour Briefing. "The party leadership will be at its weakest after the election when a Kinnock-led government operating Hattersley's economic policy runs into trouble," he predicts; when the party leadership started to put the screws on the working class, "it must be challenged. Wilton says the left must find its own leader and develop an overall strategy. Turning the party's new red rose symbol on its head, he adds: "The rose cannot be pruned. It must be dug up."

• Impressed by the political wisdoms contained in Douglas Hurd's new novel, Palace of Eachantments, John Butcher, the industry minister, has told his private staff that invitation to the office Christmas party is conditional on their

Tearaway Terry

I gather that the contemporary angel of international affairs, Terry Waite, could be a bit of a devil in his younger days. This I have from a surely reliable source. his brother David, who runs a wallpaper shop in the Oxfordshire town of Witney. Apparently the two of them used to belong to a Just William-type gang which was for ever getting into scrapes; one winter a neighbour caught the lads shoving snowballs through his letterbox. The gang turned tail and ran. The victim identified only one - the young T.W., who even then stood head and shoulders above the rest. This kind of thing happened so regularly that it finally taxed the diplomacy of Terry's father, a local bobby.

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BARRY FANTONI

'It's comforting to know that a well stocked fall-out shelter has its uses'

Namely, no

It seems Oxford magistrates' court has an odd way of interpreting last month's High Court ruling that it is illegal to withhold the names of magistrates from the public. Last Thursday Julian Jacottet asked the court for that morning's list of JPs. He must apply in writing, he was told. He did - but has not yet had a reply. Stuart Biggin, the cierk, tells me Jacottet's initial request was refused because junior staff had been instructed not to give names unless the applicant could demonstrate he had "sufficient interest" in the matter — the phrase in the High Court judgement. Jacottet is not only an Oxfordshire county councillor but Labour spokesman on Thames Valley police authority. He is taking up the matter with the chairman of the Oxford magistrates' bench.

A disconcerting range of attractions at the Papagayo Park leisure centre in Acapulco, Mexico: mechanic games, restaurant, electric

Actor's share

Whose is the coaxing Welsh voice urging us all to buy shares in British Gas? None other than actor Anthony Hopkins, darling of the far left for his portrayal of Lambert La Roux in Howard Brenton and David Hare's anti-Establishment play Pravda. "He doesn't want any publicity about the British Gas assignment," Hopkins's agent tells me.

Make unions your partners

The media projection of the union-employer relationship is a travesty of the truth, but we have only ourselves to

As general secretary of the Amalgamated Engineering Union, I find myself from time to time addressing potential investors to convince them that Britain is a good place to establish a manufacturing facility, thereby creating jobs. But I am constantly appalled by the perception of the industrial relations scene in our country as viewed from Geneva, Frankfurt, New York or

Tokyo. Why are we so self-destructive? Why is it that failure at a factory is worthy of national comment when at the same plant a strike-free, trouble-free period of years never gets mentioned? We live in a rough competitive world; why do we

make it tougher?
In any 10-year period since 1945 our country's place in the International. Labour Organization league for lost time through labour disputes has always been around halfway. We have been consistently worse than West Germany, rance, Japan, Sweden and the USA. Equally consistently we have been better than Australia, Canada, Italy, Ireland

by Gavin Laird

Is it not time for all of us who are interested in making our country more successful, more competitive, to be seen together as advocates in those things that we have in common? We all want to see unemployment reduced and living standards improved. How do we together achieve these goals? Certainly not as Mr Kenneth Clarke advocates, by lowering wages. It is not high wages we suffer from - indeed, sadly, it is the opposite: Britain is a low wage economy - it is high unit costs that make our products

uncompetitive. My union wants companies to be successful and profitable. It encourages members to identify with the company that employs them and advocates single status for blue and white collar workers. It wants to see the status of manufacturing industry enhanced, with technicians and professional managers not only paid much more than lawyers or their like but also further up the social

These aspirations, I believe, are not so far removed from those of many members of the CBI. So why don't we find ways of jointly saying so? It is our

fault for failing to put across the positive message. We are all too often entrenched in our own redoubt, blaming the "other side" for our own failings while our foreign competitors walkaway with the prize.

I am not naive enough to think that our different roles can or indeed should be obscured. The unions want a bigger public sector, the CBI wants a smaller one. But to dwell on those real differences is missing the point. Our joint challenge is how continuously to enlarge the national cake, and only then

to negotiate our respective share. Trade unions have been their own worst enemy and have paid the price for complacency. For the first time since the war less than half the work force belongs to a union. As a result, trade unionism has had to become more professional and sophisticated.

Whatever the pattern of employment in the future, it will adapt and demand more of a say in the organization of production. How much better for employers to have a working relationship with that force and rebuild an industrial base worthy of the 21st century.

Extracted from a speech to the CBI conference at Bournemouth yesterday.

Philip Jacobson on the new threat to Philippine democracy

Can Cory fend off a coup?

When Corazon Aquino was preparing to fly to the US six weeks ago on her first presidential visit outside the Philippines, the Manila coffee house gossip was that she risked going the same way as other Third World leaders overthrown by a coup almost as soon as the seat belt sign went off. In the event, she returned to a warm welcome after a triumphant tour. But as she gets down to business in Japan today on another official mission, the rumours of an imminent move to overthrow her nine-month-old government have reached such a fever pitch that the country's most senior army officer has felt obliged to give a public warning that "military adventurers" plotting against the government would be forcefully "neutralized."

It is no secret at whom this message is directed: Mrs. Aquino's defence minister, Juan Ponce Enrile, and the circle of impetuous young colonels who surround him. As part of an increasingly aggressive campaign of agitation gainst her administration and what he considers its unacceptably left-wing policies, Enrile has even delivered a deliberately provocative speech to 10,000 supporters of the deposed Ferdinand Marcos while they chanted "Down with

To some observers, he seems to have moved to the very brink of treason. How else, they ask, to describe the action of a senior minister who holds secret talks with disaffected army officers to discuss the logistics of overthrowing the government in which he

But then, Enrile has worries of his own. The only member of the previous cabinet to serve in the Aquino government, he has just earned that he is under investigation by the US Justice Department for the possible misuse of substantial amounts of American aid money during the Marcos years. What's more, there are good grounds for suspecting that these allegations were deliberately leaked in Washington as part of a strategy to undermine his chal-lenge to Mrs Aquino. It is known that the Reagan administration has already told Enrile, in robustly undiplomatic language, of its displeasure at his loud assertions that she has no legal mandate to rule. The White House then underlined that message by publicly proclaiming "complete and unequivocal support" for Mrs

But with 20 years of roughhouse politics behind him, Enrile is a tough and wily adversary. He understands how touchy Filipinos can be when they sniff US interference in the affairs of what was once Uncle Sam's only col-ony. Mrs Aquino's official spokes-man did her no favour by announcing that she had received "the blessings of the Great White Father, Reagan," and Enrile



snapped up the opening. He denounced the reported Justice Department allegations as "veiled blackmail" and declared that he would not be deterred from serving the national interest.

Fighting talk, laying bare the depths of the divisions within a welcomed by Filipinos yearning for national reconciliation. True, "Johnny" Enrile and Corazon Aquino were always an odd couple. He had, after all, locked up her late husband, Benigno, on orders from Marcos, and although his last gasp defection was probably the crucial factor in her election triumph, his nose for intrigue, coupled with an undisguised taste for the high life, contrasts sharply with the new

president's simple and direct style. Today, as he challenges Mrs Aquino to test her popularity by standing for election again, pours scorn on the draft constitution she is putting to a national referendum in January and drops un-subtle hints about his loyal but impatient supporters in the high command, a head-on collision that would end with his resignation or removal seems unavoidable. In either event that spells trouble, because Enrile insists that if anyone has to leave the coalition government, it is automatically

The Reagan administration's keen interest in the outcome of the struggle embraces rather more than questions of constitutional legitimacy. Continued use of the two huge US military bases in the Philippines - Clark air field and the Subic Bay naval complex remains central to Washington's strategic planning for the region. The threat posed to these installa-

of the New People's Army (NPA) and the clear inability of the UStrained and equipped government troops to contain it was causing sharp concern long before Marcos was overthrown.

When President Aquino arrived in Washington for the first time, the word from the White House was that she would be expected to get much tougher with the rebels before receiving more aid for the crippled Philippine economy. Her own preference for social and economic reform to remove the root cause of the NPA's growing strength, accompanied by the release of prominent communists and attempts to negotiate a ceasefire, was clearly not what official circles there wanted to

In the Philippines, Enrile and his staff were telling every journalist who crossed their path that the president's soft line on the NPA had seriously undermined the military's advantage on the battlefield. Those of us who have observed the ineptly led and demoralized Philippine army in action might question whether it was actually making any progress at all, but that only adds force to warnings from the Enrile camp that the war is approaching a critical point at which the guerrillas could seize, and probably maintain, the advantage. The truce which Mrs Aquino insists talks would, it was argued, merely provide the NPA with a chance to regroup and step up preparations for a new offensive.

It was something of a suprise then, to hear, at the end of last month, a State Department spokesman lavish praise on the

Aguino government for "carrying out a reform strategy which will result in a stable, democratic and prosperous Philippines." Simulta-neously, Reagan administration sources let it to be known that Mrs Aquino's handling of the clash with Enrile was much admired in Washington. Does that indicate a sudden conversion in American thinking, a shift to the olive branch over the sword? Was it pure coincidence that the damaging allegations against Enrile ap-

eserted Marcos in her

peared a few days later? Most observers in Manila be-lieve that this outspoken US support has strengthened Mrs Aquino's position immeasurably. The White House's lead was swiftly followed by two immensely influential figures in the Philippines. First, the revered (and famously shrewd) Cardinal Jaime Sin, Archbishop of Manila, emphasised his approval of the president's peace initiative. Then General Fidel Ramos, the armed forces chief of staff who had joined Enrile in turning against Marcos in February, made it clear that he would order his troops into action

against any uprising.
Yet for all that, the situation remains highly volatile. A series of bomb explosions in public places has been attributed to "destabilizing elements"; there is unex-plained shooting in the night. The prospect of a temporary ceasefire ultimately being agreed with the NPA, to be followed by formal peace negotiations, does nothing to reduce the tension. Nobody can say how Enrile and the young officers around him would receive that. For Corazon Aquino, the greatest test of her young presidency may be just around the

Roger Scruton Subversives from the suburbs

Two activities of the town hall radicals have captured the public's attention. One is the campaign of "anti-racism", which has spread through all local institutions, intimidating, censoring and punishing without regard for justice, truth or law. The other is the movement to disabuse children of their innocence, and to enlist them in the cause of sexual liberation.

Both movements are organized by "experts" who preach, cajole and scoff with all the philistine narrow-mindedness of our Victorian forebears, although without the Victorian respect for justice or the Victorian moral sense. Both derive their inspiration from the sub-Markist literature that is issued or condoned by the Inner London Education Authority. Both are part of a wider disaffection - of a conscious movement to reject the norms and decencies

of British society.

To an outsider there is a certain paradox in the fact that the "anti-racist" and "anti-heterosexist" racist" and "anti-heterosexist" campaigns should originate in the same muddled heads and call upon the same violent emotions. Those who preach "sensitivity" to the needs and feelings of the ethnic minorities, and who sanctimoniously pry into their neighbour's conscience for the least trace of some "racist" abomination, ought to know that neither Muslims from the Indian sub-continent, from the Indian sub-continent, nor Gospel Christians from the Caribbean, desire to see their children exposed in school to the

ethic of sexual liberation.

Contemplating the radical conscience, as it arbitrarily persecutes a Honeyford, a Savery or a McGoldrick, on the mere suspicion of having harboured a forbidden thought, while at the same time seeking to open the eyes of Muslim schoolgirls to the techniques of contraception and the delights of lesbian sex, one is struck by the immense and patronizing contempt for actual people by which the new puritan is animated. Nothing seems to mat-ter to him as much as the public display of his unassailable reotitude. He cares not one jot if, in order to enjoy his posture as champion of the minorities against British culture, he must trample on every decency which the minorities hold dear. For him, the minorities are not actual people, with values and pieties of their own, but simply means to his exultation - unconscious con-

scripts in a battle not their own. The stock response to the new puritanism is that given on this page by Anne Sofer on October 6. Scoffing at Kenneth Baker's agita-tion, over the children's book entitled Jenny Lives with Eric and Martin, she dismissed the whole matter as of no particular importance. For a Secretary of State to exercise himself over a book which had already been withdrawn from circulation, and over an attitude which had no public support was, she implied faintly

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something that we should expect from an Alliance government.

Unfortunately, not only is the situation far more serious than Mrs Sofer implies (the children's book in question being only one small component of the new "antiheterosexist" curriculum whose resource list has been compiled by the ILFA. We can also have no confidence that an Alliance government would be either able or willing to stem the tide. Members of the Liberal Party are prominent in the battle against the moral majority, and on all matters to do with sexual morality the Liberal Party has shown itself to be as antinomian and as hostile to traditional values as the permissive puritans. Its attitude can be gauged from the behaviour of the London Boroughs' Grants Committee, appointed to succeed the GLC in administering the compulsory charity that is exterted from the ratepayers of London. The Liberal councils hold the

balance of power on this committee, which is chaired by David Williams of Liberal Richmond; and they have endorsed a grant of £120,000 to the London Lesbian £120,000 to the London Lesoian and Gay Centre; of £27,000 to the Black Lesbian and Gay Group; of £80,000 to the Lesbian and Gay Employment Rights group; of £17,000 to Lesbian Line; of £39,000 to The Lesbians and Policing Project; of £33,000 to the Gay Lesdon Police monitoring Gay London Police monitoring group; and a host of other grants to every kind of radical pressure group, from "Orinda Ltd., Lesbian Archives", to the "Chilean Women in Exile's Nursery."

It is not hard to explain the ease with which leftists and liberals enter into alliance against the moral majority. The new puritanism argues that majority values are inherently unjustifiable, because oppressive. The liberal argues that all values are inherently unjustifiable, and therefore that none has a special right to prevail. But the effect is the same: to encourage those who challenge the majority values and who seek to undermine their authority.

Those who imagine that education is safer in the hands of a liberal than in those of a permissive puritan are therefore making a great error of judgment. Every egalitarian fad, once puffed up by public funds, and given the apportunity for self-advertise-ment, will enter its natural home, which is the state educational system. This dragon constantly seeks new ways of breaking down the "distinctions" by which our society is governed, new ways of destroying the "elitist" culture that has been entrusted to it. Until it is overcome the attack on majority values is bound to continue, and whether sanctioned by paritan fervour, or by liberal indifference, its first and most important victims will always be children, since they alone are defenceless against its power.

moreover . . . Miles Kington

Reconsider your suspicion

The Jury Murders

(part 2) (Story so far. Jack Lemass is on (Story So Jar. Jack Lemass is on trial for the murder of a board of directors by engineering the crash of an executive jet. The jury is split, East Ender Wally Mayhew thinks he is innocent, while Professor Basil Friday thinks not and the forces has a cide of the a virty. foreman has no idea. After a night in a hotel, things become slightly clearer when Friday is found murdered.)

'This is the most extraordinary state of affairs," the judge told what remained of the jury. "You are here to pass verdict on a murder. Now, you yourselves are involved in a murder case, as one of you has been killed. It may even be that one of you is the murderer. Well, that is a matter for the police - my only concern is that you give me a verdict before another one of you is bumped off."

The judge spoke in a slightly offhand manner, as well he might, poor thing. The fact of the matter was that he resorted once a week to a house of ill repute in otherwise respectable Bromley, and he had just learnt that the house had been raided. He hoped very much that he would not be implicated, but could not be sure that the police would have enough sense to leave him out of it. No wonder he felt worried.

Back in the jury room, the foreman solemnly addressed his fellow ten members. "The judge has permitted us to reach a verdict with only eleven members. Now, as you remember, the late Basil Friday was firmly convinced that Jack Lemass is guilty of the murders, and I venture to suggest that it would be a nice tribute to his memory if we all went along with that verdict."

"What a load of baloney," said Wally Mayhew. "I'm sorry in a way that the old fool's dead, but the best tribute we can pay him is to ignore his crackpot ideas." "I must say," said a second member, "that the case against

Lemass is too obvious to be convincing. If he had really wanted to murder all his col-leagues, would be really have sabotaged the plane and then backed out-of the flight ten minutes beforehand? It points the finger too clearly at him. It's such

murderer," said a third. "Murderers are only clever in books." Reader, have you ever been on jury service? Do you remember the endless arguments that went round and round and got nowhere? Wouldn't it be a good idea if we skipped all that and got to the bit where Wally Maynew suddenly snapped his fingers and said:"I've just realized! I know where I've seen him before! Blimey, there's a

turn-up for the book . . . " "What are you talking about?" "The judge: I run a small place in Bromley, sort of a . . . leisure centre, really. The judge goes there once a week. Could be useful."

At that very moment the door opened and the police came in, five of them. The jury room was bugged, of course, and they felt they had to cut off Wally's

impending revelation.

"All right," said their leader,
"I'm afraid we must arrest you all
for the suspected murder of
Professor Basil Friday."

"You'll do no such thing," said the foreman angrily. "A British jury cannot be interfered with by anyone, not even the police, until it has reached a verdict." "All right, then, we'll compromise. We'll arrest Wally Mayhew for the murder."
All eyes turned to Wally

Mayhew. Mayhew's eyes were closed. On examination he was found to be dead. The jury murderer had struck again! Even the police were shocked by this development — after all, it had be a shocked by the development — after all, it had be a shocked by the development — after all, it had be a shocked by the development — after all, it had be a shocked by the development — after all, it had be a shocked by the development — after all, it had be a shocked by the development — after all, it had be a shocked by the development — after all, it had be a shocked by the development — after all th taken place in their presence, and they had noticed nothing

"As the foreman of a ten-person jury, I must insist on asking the judge for a ruling," said the foreman, and nobody demurred. When, however, they re-entered the court, it was to be met with the sensational news that the judge would never sit in judgement again, he had just been found dead in his room, swinging from a beam ...

(We have just received the alarming news that the best-selling author of The Jury Murders has been found dead at his home in Sussex. He was apparently lynched by a crowd of angry readers, incensed by the increas-ingly improbable plot and proliferation of senseless murders. As a Economics Editor a claimsy murcer." mark of respect to him, this serial is stopped at this point.)

Spring election? More likely autumn

One does not need a particularly Machiavellian cast of mind to understand attempts by the Chancellor, Nigel Lawson, to play down the imminence of an election following his autumn statement last week. After all, he has yet to engineer the "election boom" with which he is credited. That decision remains to be taken in the Budget. And there are a great many then, particularly the strength of sterling and the trend in oil prices.

So far decisions have been taken on only one side of the government's accounts, with agreement on big increases in public spending. If the spending increases turn out to be a straight swap for tax cuts, leaving the planned level of borrowing unchanged, then that would put less money in people's pockets than cutting taxes.

It is very difficult to find anyone, either in politics or in the financial markets, who believes there will be no fiscal relaxation. The example of Roy Jenkins, Lawson's predecessor but four, who is alleged to have left the economic stimulus too late in 1970, is well remembered. But the PHS | scale of any relaxation is, at this kets nor to the Chancellor. Whatever happens in the Budget, the economic outlook seems election than a dash to the polls in

the spring. If putting money in people's pockets is what wins elections, then it is significant that the Treasury's most recent fore-cast, issued with the autumn statement, suggests that consumer spending will be rising faster in the second half of 1987 than the first. Investment is also expected to. be growing more strongly in the second haif of the year. Taking consumer spending, investment. and exports together, the economy is likely to expand almost twice as

fast in the second half as in the first half. Faster growth will help to create more jobs. But a more important influence on the crucial electoral statistic of unemployment will probably be the government's own special employment measures. Interviewing of the long-term unemployed under the Re-start programme will have finished by next April, achieving both a shakeout of those not really available for

work and some help in finding a

job for the majority. On present

haps 140,000 below what they would otherwise be in time for a spring election. An autumn election campaign, however, would benefit from the

introduction of the two-year Youth Training Scheme an-nounced in the 1985 Budget. This offers this year's school leavers the option of staying on for a second year's training which could keep up to 100,000 off the register next September.
The outlook for the balance of

payments, too, points to a later date rather than an earlier one. Harold Wilson blamed his defeat in the 1970 election on an adverse set of trade figures released at a crucial moment during the campaign, and Mrs Thatcher will not want to become a second victim of the balance of payments.

The big drop in oil prices has drastically reduced the value of oil exports, leaving a hole in the current balance of payments which has been painfully obvious in recent months. Gradually, this hole should be filled as exporters take advantage of improved competitiveness stemming from the fall in the pound and the predicted expansion of world indications, that could reduce the urade as oil importers get round to

spending the money they are saving on oil.

But that will take time. If the Treasury's forecast of a current account deficit of only £1.5 billion is anywhere near correct, it will be looking more credible by the autumn than earlier in the year.

Undoubtedly, the strength of the pound — on which the balance of payments will have an important influence — is the biggest threat to the Conservatives' election strategy so far as the economy is concerned. And for sterling the Budget judgement will be more important than the autumn state-ment. A risky Budget would be liable to get the thumbs down in the foreign exchange markets before the Chancellor had even sat down - let alone an election could be announced. So the Budget will have to be robust enough to look as though it could last the year.

A surge of support in the opinion polls would offer a strong temptation to go early. But, that aside, there are good arguments to dissuade Mrs Thatcher from going to the country before next au-

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When European Community foreign ministers agreed their almost-united stance against Syria yesterday, they were doing no more than had been expected of them at their first meeting nearly two weeks ago. Their dilatoriness, however, is no reason for not applauding

the strength of their statement. Its absolute rejection of terrorism and its sponsors provides the sort of support the British Government has long requested for its own uncompromising attitude. The pledge to refrain from new arms sales to Syria is a step in the right direction, as is the commitment of European governments to closer observation of Syria's diplomatic activ-

The failure of Greece to append its signature is regrettable, but was predicted and indeed predictable. It should be regarded not so much a loss for the Community as for Greece itself, which cannot be considered a full member of the European Community until it has joined a cause which is so clearly in the interests of ali Europe.

In common with most committee documents, the EEC condemnation of Syria has its limitations. As a statement of principle and intention, it is welcome. As a defined programme of action, it is less so. All manner of loopholes remain through which France's deals to free her hostages in Lebanon, arms sales covered by existing contracts, and dubious but unobtrusive diplomatic conduct will continue to pass unchecked.

The statements themselves inevitably have a plati-tudinous ring Refusal to make them would, however, have indicated such an infirmity of purpose as positively to invite terrorist assaults. The value of such statements is always likely to be more moral than practical. In this respect the EEC's reiteration of its moral priorities has come not a moment too soon.

Recent, though as yet unconfirmed, reports about behind-the-scenes dealing between France and Syria and between the United States and Iran have called into question the determination of both countries to stand up to terrorists and their sponsors. France, all too ready to call an emergency meeting of European ministers when Paris was subjected to random bomb attacks, was less than enthusiastic about endorsing Britain's condemnation of Syria even after Syrian involvement in the Hindawi case had been so clearly shown in a London court.

The revelations about clandestine US overtures to Iran, a country - or more particularly, a regime - with which it had pledged to have no dealings because of its involvement in terrorism, similarly cast doubt on American steadfastness. Had nerve failed the country which had sought to discourage terrorism by bombing Libya?

In each case, the impression was created that national economic and diplomatic interests had been placed above concerted international action against terrorism - the only sort of action which stands any chance of success. So long as the European Community was unable even to articulate joint opposition to terrorism, there was a risk that the British Government would not only lose out economically and diplomatically to its partners and allies, but suffer isolation for its stand against terrorism as well.

In that event legitimate questions could have been raised about the wisdom of occupying the high moral ground Might there not come a time, it could have been asked, when our own national interests would require a modification of our position; when the principle of having no truck with terrorism would have to be sacrificed so as not to jeopardize Britain's influence or trading position abroad; when only the careless terrorist caught red-handed need be exhibited and the others quietly expelled or exchanged for hostages?

Fortunately, that time has not arrived and, if civilised nations maintain some sort of united front, never will arrive. The benefits of opposing ter-rorism still outweigh the risks which attach to that opposition. Yesterday's EEC statement could not have been more opportune.

A GULF OF MISUNDERSTANDING

The crisis over the taking of family and friends Nor would Western hostages in Lebanon is nothing to that surrounding their release. As governments jostle to influence Iran they are finding, not for the first time, that the reverse is now more likely to be true. It is the government of the Ayatollah Khomeini which is once more calling the shots, with Saudi Arabia's best known Minister apparently one of the casualties and even Washington's Secretary of State looking like a dangerously near miss. It is a verv tangied bave woven.

That the Iranian war effort in the Gulf has leaned heavily on covert shipments of arms has long been accepted as fact.
That some of these have originated in Israel is no surprise, although the size and significance of Jerusalem's contribution has long remained a matter for debate. But the mere suggestiom that the United States might also have been involved raises issues of a very different order.

> The latest embarrassing revelations in Washington allege that the Reagan Administration (or some of those within it) started negotiating over the supply of military equipment 18 months ago. Three planeloads financed by the United States are said to have flown to Iran last year, enabling the subsequent release of the Rev Benjamin Weir. Early last summer, it would seem, three more shiploads of arms took a similar route via Eilat to secure the freedom of the Rev Lawrence Jenko in July and Dr David Jacobsen last week. No-one could begrudge any

> of these men his return to his

one wish to jeopardise the release of other individuals in the hands of fanatics in Lebanon. But the circumstances in which they have been freed are highly questionable and, in the absence of denials from the White House, one must assume that these reports are not unfounded. The same applies to the claim that the Saudi Arabian oil minister, Sheikh Yamani, lost his job recently by opposing his government's plan to help Iran by raising the

There are, of course, sound

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arguments in favour of strengthening Tehran's contacts with the West. Thoughts in Tehran are already turning to the future of a post-Khomeini nation. The geopolitical significance of the country cannot be ignored and Western governments would be failing in their duty if they did not assess their policies in that light. But if, however, the United States and Saudi Arabia (or for that matter anyone else) are handing over the reward without any guarantee of future conduct, then they are losing all sight of their proper priorities. It is for the Iranians to secure the release of all or most of the hostages in Lebanon, to offer guarantees of peaceful policies in the Gulf and to demonstrate more respect for human rights - and then to hope for the help they badly need in building the future of their country.

The arguments over supplying arms to Tehran are not only moral ones. There is an equally strong political case for not helping either side in the Gulf War. Iranian enthusiasm for its so-called "final Reagan" offensive" has lately cooled - "flakey."

to nobody's great surprise. There have been final offensives" before which at best have fizzled out in noman's land. Iran has plenty of fanatical manpower, (or rather boy-power), but has for some years lacked the arms and professional expertise to mount a sustained invasion of

Might they break through the Iraqi lines for long enough to shatter Arab morale and even overthrow Saddam Husain? That would achieve most important single objective and might just bring peace - of a kind. Saddam remains a strong man and there is no convincing evidence that he might fall. But the theory is there and one must question whether any power should risk tempting Khomeini to test it. An outcome with the Iranians in charge of Mesopotamia should not be lightly risked.

There are increasing signs that the Gulf War will end not with a bang but a whimper, both armies settling for a noscore draw. There might be no peace but equally there would be no war to speak of - just the sporadic cross-border skirmishing which might contique until some development off-stage, like the death of Khomeini, allowed peace negotiations to begin. That may be a slow unsatisfactory business, but it would be greatly preferable to the victory of one side over the other - particularly if the one side happened to be revolutionary Iran. To supply Tehran with arms while the situation remains in this uncertain light would seem, to use President Reagan's own word, to be

TAKING AIDS SERIOUSLY

Today sees the first meeting of burden of the Government's Lord Whitelaw's Cabinet committee to consider the Government's response to the growing anxiety in this country about the Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome or AIDS. It will include the Home Secretary, the Foreign Secretary, the Secretaries of State for Education, Defence, Social Services, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, and Mr John Biffen. If eminence alone were a guarantee of effective action, the committee could be safely left

to get on with it. There are, however, unsettling signs that the committee will fall victim to that familiar Whitehall paralysis which ensures that nothing controversial will be done until it is too late to be effective. One sign of that is the pronounced emphasis that the Government is placing on the need to spend more money on public health education about AIDS. More money can certainly be used productively in informing people about the risks and dangers of AIDS. But health education cannot be made to bear the whole

programme to combat AIDS. Newspapers and television. after all, carry a great deal of

such information. And if the burden of the Government's message is to encourage "safe sex" (i.e. sex with condoms, which is safer rather than safe). then it may actually encourage the sexual promiscuity which is a major means of AIDS transmission and which the fear of AIDS has recently seemed to restrain. Ministers have over-

emphasised health education spending because they are nervous of proposals to halt the spread of AIDS directly notably compulsory AIDS screening in Britain and compulsory tests for visitors from other countries. Some of their reasons for this nervousness are commonsensical enough. Compulsory screening would be both costly and impossible to enforce if significant sections of the populace were to evade it (as some high-risk groups such as militant gays, fearing a general social discrimination, would undoubtedly seek to do in present

circumstances).

Other objections, such as the diplomatic trouble that would be caused by testing foreign visitors, are short-term and trivial in relation to the threat of a major AIDS epidemic. It can be confidently forecast that, if AIDS ever does reach epidemic proportions, public opinion will very quickly force Whitehall to abandon these reservations.

To ensure that matters never reach that disastrous stage, however, Lord Whitelaw's committee should launch a major programme of voluntary AIDS screening and consider ways in which participation in it can be encouraged.

From voluntary recruitment in the First World War to the mass screening for tuberculosis and other chest diseases since 1945, British governments have considerable experience of mobilising popular consent and participation. A campaign of voluntary screening may not be enough to tackle AIDS, but anything less will certainly be inadcouste.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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From Professor Alan H. Cowley

Sir, As a scientist who left Britain

for an American university some

twenty years ago, may I, through

your columns, express my dismay at the inadequate level of support

being given to basic research in

chemistry at universities in the United Kingdom at the present

I have recently spent three weeks in the United Kingdom as a

Royal Society of Chemistry Cen-tenary Lecturer. I was thus able to

visit several universities and it

was abundantly evident that my British colleagues are having the greatest difficulty in working at the frontiers of the subject. This

was true even for those chemistry departments rated highly in the recent University Grants

Moreover, I was amazed to find that one department "starred" for

its excellence has one quarter of its

faculty positions in inorganic

chemistry vacant and unfilled for

lack of funds, yet this is a sector of the subject in which the United

Kingdom was once predominant.

The Science and Engineering Research Council is unable to

support a high proportion of alpha-quality research in chem-istry, and "state-of-the-art" re-

search equipment is lacking in departments until recently re-

garded as world leaders. To an

expatriate it seems a recipe for

economic disaster for such a small

proportion (less than 5 per cent) of

the SERC budget to be spent on

grants for fundamental research in chemistry at the universities.

These institutions train people

who can sustain the success of the

chemical industry and its massive

contribution to the United King-

dom trade balance. While in one sense it would be a

pleasure to welcome more British

chemists to the United States, as a consequence of present science

policy towards basic research, I cannot view this situation as being

in the best interests of the United

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the method of election of local

councillors, the role of direct participation at local level, and the

internal organisation of local

authorities were brought into the

discussion. For, without consid-

eration of these wider const-

itutional issues, it is doubtful

a system of local government able

to confront the complex social

The parlous state of local gov-

ernment in Britain today, and the

understandable eagerness of min-

isters to by-pass local authorities

in areas such as educational policy

show just how much we have lost

by our unwillingness, as a nation,

to take constitutional issues seri-

aly as promised, will also give the

elderly and disabled the right to buy at April, 1981, valuations, as

well as reimbursement for any outstanding legal charges pres-ently having to be met through

obvious rash decisions of the

powers that be who are now

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Sir, It is a matter of great regret that the issue of the television

reporting of the Libyan affair immediately became a point-scoring exercise for all political

parties. It is manifestly true that the hallmark of a democracy is the

freedom of the media to report to

the populace, unfertered by politi-

cal interference, and that any threat to that freedom should be

immediately and energetically re-

The underlying and probably more important problem, which is

much less easy to evaluate, is the level of objectivity employed in

the pursuit of truth, and methods

Some weeks ago (August 27) Celia Brayfield reported in The

Times on the proceedings of the Edinburgh International Tele-

vision Festival. This was a forth-

right and perceptive article, which

raised a number of fundamental

points of great importance which,

to the best of my recollection, has

Ms Brayfield referred to the

"pervasive smugness" of the festi-

val and concluded that "Tele-

vision is an enclosed order, a

narcissistic, obsessive profession

which avoids contact with the rest

Enthusiasm, coupled with a

conviction of the absolute right-

ness of one's own viewpoint, can

create an atmosphere in which

truth is likely to be the first victim

and, though it may be deemed that Ms Brayfield's is a harsh judge-ment, it and other points in her

article urgently require further

Woodlands, Tennyson's Lane,

used to achieve it.

drawn no response.

of society."

discussion.
Yours faithfully

ALAN ROBERTSON,

Haslemere, Surrey.

seeking to correct their ways.

trophy Group), 251 Totley Brook Road,

November 6.

Sheffield, South Yorkshire.

BBC under fire

From Mr Alan Robertson

Yours faithfully, VERNON BOGDANOR,

Brasenose College, Oxford.

ously.

problems of the modern world.

Kingdom.

Yours sincerely

ALAN H. COWLEY,

Committee's grading exercise.

J.H. MULVEY,

N.A. JELLEY

Financial damage to science From Dr J.H. Mulvey and Dr N.A. mit scientific maybem?

Jelley Sir, The Science and Engineering Research Council (SERC) is £20million short because of the drop in sterling exchange rates and consequent increase in sterling value of the contributions which must - by treaty - be paid to international research organ-

This unforeseeable loss to an already declining budget is having disastrous effects, with ever more grant applications for outstanding research in all fields of science being refused and scientists facing termination of their research in mid-flow. Understandably, the cry goes up once again, "withdraw from CERN", the international research centre for high-energy physics near Geneva, which is the recipient of the biggest of the international subscriptions.

But this would be a stupidity: CERN is outstandingly successful in its research; and to withdraw only for reasons of short-term financial difficulty would sabotage the desperate efforts the SERC is making to get Continental help in the financing of facilities like the Rutherford and Appleton Laboratory's spallation neutron source and destroy our credibility as reliable partners in future collaborative projects like the European synchrotron radiation facility.

The formula determining our contribution to CERN takes exchange-rate changes into account retrospectively and will in time bring an automatic reduction in our contribution. All the other member States have, long ago, taken steps to protect their domestic science from the effects of sharp swings in the exchange rates. They see us, not for the first time, suffering self-inflicted damage to our whole research programme and seeking to export the problem to the international organisations they strongly support.

Why must the Treasury be permitted to set conditions which make it impossible for the SERC to carry through its research plans without waste, confusion and the destruction of the hopes of scientists? If they fail to get a full correction for the immediate effects of exchange-rate changes, are the members of the SERC prepared to resign rather than com-

Local blemishes

From Mr Vernon Bogdanor Sir, In her perceptive article (November 3), Anne Sofer asks, "Who will defend the town haif?" and comes to the conclusion, "hardly anyone". She finds a "creeping rottenness at the core of local government "Dut Sufeit too much weight upon factors such as political patronage and intimidation, important as these

The trouble is that the British debate on local government has for too long been confined to wellworn questions of structure and function, so that the real issue - whether local authorities as at present constituted are equipped to be a focus for local participation and accountability - have been

It is time that questions such as

SDP philosophy

From Dr Stephen Mennell Sir, As one of the original 100 signatories of the Limehouse Declaration I agree substantially with Danny Finkelstein's account (feature, November 5) of how the philosophy" of the SDP has evolved since then. But I would call the result an incoherent mishmash: certainly to describe it as a move to the right is too simple, but also too dignified.

Since the term "social democratic" has (or had until 1981) an established meaning, linked historically in most of Europe to "democratic socialist", perhaps the SDP should now change its name, lest it be charged with

sailing under false colours. Or perhaps not. In terms of historic meaning we now have a Conservative Party which is not conservative, a Liberal Party which is not liberal, and an SDP which is not social democratic. Only the Labour Party remains true to its name, and that is one of its gravest weaknesses. Yours faithfully, STEPHEN MENNELL,

The right to buy

7 Wheatsheaf Way, Alphington, Exeter, Devon.

From Mr Albert T. Smith Sir, Now that the House of Lords have voted twice to exempt council homes specially adapted for old (and disabled) people from the right-to-buy provisions en-shrined in clauses of the appropriate housing Act, Mr John Patten, Minister of State for Housing. Urban Affairs and Construction, is reported (November 6) as assuring the House of Commons that the Government would nevertheless not stand by and watch elderly tenants cheated of their right to buy through the bureaucratic arrogance of unco-

operative local councils. As an afflicted tenant of such a local council, may I ask why were the discriminatory clauses in the right-to-buy legislation agreed to in the first place? Why, for all the reported talk of helping the disabled and elderly, were discriminatory measures invoked, leaving them with unequal rights from other tenants, yet paying the same amount of rent, deemed fair at the outset?

Trusting that the new and fair legislation, correcting this anom-

Finding a road to recovery

From Mrs C. A. Atkinson Sir, Now that the final section of the M25 has been opened we have an orbital motorway insufficient to cope with all the extra traffic it attracts - traffic which, in many cases, is coming from London to use the motorway for one junction

and then turn inwards again.
Starved of decent internal road links south London is an area of endless housing and little industry. That industry is being constantly drawn to new sites on the perimeter of the green belt with demands for attendant hous-

Thus the inner city is deprived of employment, which is, instead, offered to areas in the South-east which, with respect, have less need of new jobs. Demand for housing sites leaves landowners as the

main beneficiaries.

Bletchingley teeters on the edge of the green belt in beautiful countryside and the M25 has at least removed much heavy traffic from the village centre. However, we who use the motorway know there are few times in the day when the journey is not going to involve a traffic jam - either east or west.

In order to preserve our green belt and, at the same time, regenerate inner London surely there should be a further orbital road to encourage business back into the city. Even if a new road is impossible, improvements to existing roads to form a further inner orbital link could be made. be more readily forthcoming, as

City of London finance might sites for light industry in inner London became more attractive. I remain, yours faithfully, CAROLINE ALEXANDER ATKINSON,

Stables Cottage, Little Common Lane, Bletchingley, Surrey, November 8.

Cutting response

From Mr Christopher Davie Sir, British Rail's reason for razing a stand of beautiful mature trees, next to the Stoke d'Abernon recreation ground, as reported in The Times (November 6), is that leaves on the adjoining line cause wheel spin and overheating. BR say they need to cut back to within

30 to 40 feet of the line.

Some of the trees felled were at least 70 feet away. This was plainly and literally overkill by BR, when removal of a few trees close to the line and removal of selected branches of others would certainly have sufficed.

BR made no attempt to consult those who arguably are most affected — the Stoke d'Abernon Cricket Club, whose members have played on this ground, beautifully bordered by these trees, for more than 110 years. Unless BR is to strike a much

better balance between what it calls the interests of its customers and the interests of the environ-ment than it has shown on this occasion, there is real cause for concern for all trees on BR property. This was a case of indiscriminate destruction, without any concern for those who enjoy the neighbouring land. Yours faithfully, CHRISTOPHER DAVIE, 21 Woodend Park,

Stoke Road, Cobham, Surrey. November 7.

Racing handicaps

From Mr J. L. Hislop Sir. Among the many letters and articles on the defeat of Dancing Brave in the Breeders' Cup at Santa Anita, one important and disturbing aspect has been over-looked almost completely.

This is that in the state of California certain medications, notably Lasix and Butazolidin, are permitted, though these sub-stances are banned by all the chief racing authorities in Europe, where they are classed as done.

This was condemned in a leading article in The Blood Horse, the most respected magazine on racing and breeding in the USA, on the grounds that Lasix is a stimulant as well as preventative for breaking blood vessels, while Butazolidin alleviates pain and disguises unsoundness.

Thus a false result can be obtained and such races are valueless as a true test, quite apart form the effects of travel, climate, the time of year and racing on courses which, by European standards, are glorified dog tracks. Yours faithfully, JOHN HISLOP, Regal Lodge,

Exning, nr Newmarket, Suffolk. November 6.

Outlook uncertain

From Miss Susan J. N. Hill Sir, Glancing through my two French phrasebooks recently, I noticed that neither has a section relating to "Weather". In fact. there seems to be a strange reluctance altogether to mention the phenomenon - one book contains a mere three references to the subject, the other cannot muster any.

Does this not seem odd. in publications aimed at the British public? Or is it a deliberate ploy to ensure that those of us who are less than linguistically expert are, when abroad, deprived of our favourite pastime?
Yours faithfully, SUSAN HILL. 18 Grendon Close. Tile Hill Village, Coventry, West Midlands.

November 3.

ON THIS DAY

NOVEMBER 11 1936

In this libel case the words complained of had been written by "Our Music Critic", a title which covered not only H. C. Colles, but also his assistant, Frank Howes, who wrote them

HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE KING'S BENCH DIVISION LIBEL ACTION AGAINST THE TIMES: JURY STOP THE CASE REAVELY V. COLLES AND ANOTHER

Before Mr. Justice Swift and a Special Jury The jury stopped this libel action. The jury stopped this lines action which was brought by Captain Cuthbert Reavely, a professional vocalist and actor, of Bickenhalf Mansions, W., against The Times. Publishing Company Limited, in respect of words contained in an article in The Times of February 11, 1936. The action, it was stated, but also been brought assists Mr. had also been brought against Mr. Henry Cope Colles, because the plaintiff had thought at first that Mr. Colles was the writer of the

The article was headed "Elijah as a Pageant"... The plaintiff complained of the following words: For instance, the conflict between Elijah and Ahab, which is felt as a class between good and evil in the natu the oratorio, is stultified by the physical appearance of a King who can only make gestures of impotent austspece. . . both Miss. . . and Mr Cuth-

The plaintiff, who took the part of King Ahab, said that by those ords the defendants meant that he was a man whose physical appearance rendered him wholly unsuitable to take the part, whose lack of ability as an actor was such that he could only make impotent gestures, whose declamation was unsteady, and who was windly unfit to be engaged to take such or

any similar part... The defence did not admit that the performance was produced as an oratorio; it was in fact produced as a pageant or spectacular perfor mance, with scenery, costumes and acting, and not as an oratorio

Mr. F. H. Lawton appeared for the plaintiff: Sir William Jowitt K.C., Mr. Valentine Holmes and Mr. John Senter for the def-

ROLE OF KING AHAB Mr. Lawton, in opening the case, said that in February last there had been produced at the Albert Hall Mendelssohn's oratorio Elijah, in which Captain Reavely had a small part — that of King Ahab. The plaintiff did not come before them as a man who would have done Caruso out of a job if he had been in that singer's time. The only line he had to sing was: "Art thou Elijah? Art thou he that troubleth Israel?"

On February 11 The Times published the article in question, which began:

To butcher a masterpiece to make pectacle is a proceeding that can be estified on no artistic principle . . .

Then followed the words of hich the plaintiff complained. Captain Reavely, giving evidence, said that from a spectacular point of view the part of Ahab was a large one, but from the singing point of view it was small. His clothes were so magnificent that anyone would look wonderful with them. He generally played parts of a virile and dramatic character . . . A CENTRAL FIGURE

In answer to further questions Captain Reavely agreed that in a spectacular representation Ahab was bound to be a central figure. He was wearing a magnificent head-dress. He (the witness) knew the expression "All dressed up and nowhere to go," Ahab was all

dressed up . . . The plaintiff said that he was on the stage nearly an hour after singing the line, "Art thou Ehjah? Art thou he that troubleth Israel?' and he had to act during the whole of that time.

Sir William Jowitt. - There wa severe comment by Elijah on Ahab, and all Ahab could do was to Esten in silence to what Elijah had to say? — All the more reason for dramatic art. If they were going to be realistic

it would be natural for Ahab to say something when Elijah told him off? — I don't think I can agree

off? — I don't think I can agree with that, Elijah was ejected, and this saved the King from lowering his royal dignity.

Captain Reavely said that he was not aware of the distinction between "physique" and "physical appearance". He agreed that Ahab could only make guestumes of annoyance, but he did not think that they were importent. He could that they were importent. He could annoyance, but he did not think that they were impotent. He could influence Queen Jezebel and the crowd by signs. Anyone reading the article in The Times would consider him wholly inadequate both physically and histrionically.

His Lordship. — Do you happen to know whather any of the angels (referred to in the article) have brought a line action? — Not as far

brought a libel action? - Not so is: as I know, my Lord. (Laughter.) At the close of the case for the plaintiff Sir William Jowitt asked his Lordship to say that there was

no case to go to the jury.

His Lordship. — I confess cannot see anything. (To the jury: Can you? The jury intimeted that they did not want to hear any more, and they returned a verdict for the

defendanta. Judgement was entered accord ingly, with costs.

Measure for measure

From Mr Leslie Millgate Sir, In describing the slack way the British have adopted metrication I feel sure Mrs Eileen Cole (November 6) really meant to say 0.5hearted.

Yours faithfully, LESLIE MILLGATE, 47 Cambridge Road, Great Shelford, Cambridge. 3 which

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COURT **CIRCULAR**

BUCKINGHAM PALACE November 10: The Princess Arine, Mrs Mark Phillips, this morning visited Daniel Thwaites plc Star Brewery, Beackburn, to mark the completion of the modernization of the

Having been received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Laucashire (Mr Simon Towneley), Her Royal Highness toured the Brewery, escorted by the Chairman (Mr J Yerburgh) and afterwards was entertained

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, this afternoon visited the offices of the Lancashire the ornces of the Lancasure Evening Telegraph in Blackburn and was received by the Manag-ling Director, North Western Newspaper Co Ltd (Mr J T

Her Royal Highness subsequently visited Blackburn Borough Council's new Leisure Pool, the Waves Water Fun

Pool, the Waves Water FunCentre, and was received by the
Mayor of Blackburn (Councillor
M Madigan) and the Director of
Community and Leisure Services (Mr E Runswick).
The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark
Phillips, attended by the Hon
Mrs Legge-Bourke and Mrs
Charles Ruchie, travelling in an
aircr aft of The Queen's Flight.
KENSINGTON PALACE
November 10: The Prince and November 10: The Prince and

Lord Mayor's

Banaquet The Lord Mayor, Sir David Rowe-Ham, accompanied by Lady Rowe-Ham, the Sheriffs and their ladies, entertained the outgoing Lord Mayor. Sir Allan Davis, and Lady Davis, at a banquet in Guildhall last night.

The Lord Mayor, the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lord Chancellor, the Prime Minister and Sir Allan Davis were the speakers Others present

Mr Dens Thalcher. Mrs Runce the Lord Privy Seal and Mrs Biffen. Lady Haishiam of St Marviehone, the Lord President of the Council and Viscouni es winitelaw, the Speaker and Mrs Weatherill. the Chancelion of the Exchequer and Mrs Lawson the Secretary of State for the Home Department and the Hon Mrs Hurd. Department and the row in a house the High Commissioner for Cyprus and Mrs Moana the control of Musical Mrs Moana. The Ambassador of Mrcaragua and Senora of Escoto, the Ambassador of Mrcaragua and Senora of Escoto, the Ambassador of Mrs Benabodelatii. The Austragua and Ambassador and Frau Thomas and High Commissioner for Maurities and Mrs Naith, the High Commissioner for the Maurities and Mrs Naith.

Princess of Wales left Royal Air Force Brize Norton this morning in a Royal Air Force VC10 aircraft to visit Oman, Qatar, Bahrain and Saudi Arabia. Their Royal Highnesses were

received upon arrival at Royal Air Force Brize Norton by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Oxfordshire (Sir Ashley Ponsonby Bt) and the Station Commander (Group Captain Peter Beer).

Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith. Sir John Riddell Bt, Mr Victor Chapman, Deputy Assistant Commissioner John Cracknell, Surgeon Commander Ian Jen-RN. Lieutenant-Commander Richard Aylard RN and the Hon Rupert Fairfax are in AUGUSTICE AUGUST.

ST JAMES'S PALACE November 8: The Duke and Duchess of Kent were present this evening at the Royal British Legion Festival of Remembrance at the Royal Albert Hall. November 9: The Duke of Kent laid a wreath at the Cenotaph this morning on the occasion of Remembrance Day.

present during the ceremony. November 10: The Duke of November 10: The Luke of Kent. Honorary President of the Royal Geographical Society and Patron of the Society's Kimberley 200 Expedition, this afternoon attended a briefing meeting at Kensington Gore, London SW7. Sir Richard Buckley was in attendance.

Birthdays today

Lord Carr of Hadley, 70: Rear-Admiral Sir Nigel Cecil, 61: Lord Dainton, 72; Sir Arthur Davies, 73; Mr Ron Greenwood, 65; Air Marshal Sir Donald Hall, 56; Sir Martin Donald Hall. 56; Sir Martin Jacomb. 57; Mr Roy Jenkins. MP. 66; Sir Harold Kent. QC. 83; Mr Rodney Marsh, 39; Professor G A. G. Mitchell. 80; Sir Walter Oakeshott. 83; Dr Indepensed Paral 67; Sir Bases Indraprasad Patel, 62: Sir Peter ter Walker 74, Lord Wolfson. Shepheard, 73, General Sir

Maharaja Ball
The Maharaja Ball, in aid of
Help the Aged, will take place at
the Hurlingham Club, London,
SW6, on Thursday, November
20, 1986, Entertainers who are
to perform in celebration of the charity's silver jubilee include the Great Indian Dancers. Manesh Chandra, Allan Bailey and the New Collection, the Caledonian Highlanders, Ian MacLean's Society Jazz Band and Bojolly's discotheque. An Indian dinner has been arranged by the Bombay Palace Group. Tickets. at £35 or after-dinner tickets at £25, are available from. The Mahajara Ball Office. Flat 8. 34 Emperor's Gate. London, SW7 4JA. Telephone:

11.3 29 11.25. real service for Mr M. in will be held at hurch, Cheisea, at

A service of thanksgiving for the lite and work of Professor Sur Stanley Clayton will be beld at noon on Friday, November 21, in the Chapel at King's Hospital, London, SE5.



Dr John Tanner, director of the RAF Museum, Hendon, helping to unload a Polish Air Force Mikoyan Gurevich MiG-15 (LIM-2) yesterday, thought to be the first Warsaw Pact aircraft to go on permanent display in Britain (Photograph: Peter Trievner).

Sale room

Miniatures fetch £568,755 By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

particularly pretty rounded of an unknown girl by Salbreux of around 1800.

Her main competitor on the

best miniatures was E. Bucher, a Swiss dealer, who paid £20,900

(estimate £8,000-£12,000) for a

big miniature from St Peters-burg of the Russian privy coun-sellor Prince Kurakin by the

court painter, Augustin Ritt.

Sir Charles Clore, the finan-cier whose name is associated with the takeover bid, decided Marguerite Nicole Lavrilliere, Marguerite Nicole Lavrillere, painted three-quarter length in 1812 by Singry secured £22,000 (estimated £8,000-£12,000) to Mrs G.Rudigier, a Munich dealer. She also paid £20,900 (estimate £5,000-£7,000) for a repricularly postty mondel of an

to move into portrait miniatures in 1956, and bought half the superb David-Weill collection. Sothebys offered 204 of them yesterdayfrom his estate, and secured £568,755 with 3 per cent left unsold. The other half of the David-Weill collection was bequeathed to the Louvre. Yesterday's miniatures were

mostly French and the bidders were paying a premium for big names, whether sitters or artists

but preferably both. The
prices on run-of-the-mill miniatures were something of a

A beautiful actress, Jeanne

sculptural glass which was a speciality of Nancy in the A Nouveau period, and set a series of new auction price records.

A frosted vase decorated in relief with the Garden of the Hesperides moulded by Argy-Rousseau made the top price at £60,000 Swiss francs (estimate 8,000-22,000 francs), or £24,693 to a Swiss collector, an

auction record for his work.

An amber glass rounded moulded with a lizard among lily pads by Berge for A. Walter also made a record for the factory at 29,700 francs (estimate 13,000-17,000 francs) or £12,122 to a Swiss private collector. The collection totalled £296,685 with 22 per cent left insold. auction record for his work.

Forthcoming marriages Mr D.B. Ditcham

In Geneva on Sunday, Chris-ties offered an unnamed collec-tion of Pate-de-Verre, the

Mr H.J.N. Fitzalan Howard and Miss C.L. von Mallinckrodt The engagement is announced between Harry, son of Lord and Lady Michael Fitzalan Howard, and Claire, daughter of Mr and Mrs George von Mallinckrodt.

Mr C.H. Rous and Miss E.C. Smith The engagement is announced between Christopher, youngest son of the Hon Peter Rous and the late Elizabeth Rous, of Myurwi, Zimbabwe, and Christman, daughter of Dr and Mrs Stokes Jerome Smith, of Spartenburg, South Carolina. M A.J.R. Brisset

and Miss I. Mazumdar The engagement is announced between Alain, only son of M and Mme Jean-Jacques Brisset, of Dampierre-sous-Avre, Nor-mandy, and Indira, daughter of Dr and Mrs Birendra Nath Mazumdar, of Galmpton,

Devon. Dr A. Pyne and Dr P. Mills The engagement is announced between Andrew son of Mrs O.
Pyne, of Hethersett, Norfolk,
and Philippa, daughter of the
late Major B.H.S. Mills and Mrs
W.A. Mills, of Beech, Alton,

Mr MLG.R. Sealy and Mrs J.M.H. Maycock and Miss C.O. Billinghurst The engagement is announced between Malcolm Sealy, of The engagement is announced between David Bruce, elder son of Mr and Mrs B. Diucham, of Hunts Common, Hartley Wintney, and Jean Maycock (nee Aldwinckle), of Well Cot-tage, Warborough, Oxfordshire. The marriage will take place in of Mr and Mrs B. Ditchain, of Springfield House, Braunston, and Catherine Olive, only daughter of Brigadier and Mrs A.O. Billinghurst. of

Marriages

Dr A.M. Harvey and Miss V.C. Phillips and Miss A.L. Jones The engagement is announced between Mark Triston, youngest son of Mr and Mrs R.A. Gooch, of St Leonards, and Alison Louise, only daughter of Mr and Mrs W. Jones, of Great Lever. The marriage took place on Saturday, November I, at The Holy Trinity Church, Stratford-Holy Trinity Church, Strattord-upon-Avon, of Dr Mark Harvey and Miss Clare Phillips.

The bride was given in mar-riage by Mr Ken Smedley. Mr Tim Harvey, brother of the bridegroom, was best man.

Mr A.C. Draycott and Miss J. Male

Rochampton, London

Mr M.T. Gooch

and IMISS J. IMBJE
The engagement is announced between Charles, only son of Mr and Mrs L.N. Draycott, of Woodmancote, Sussex, and Janet, daughter of Mr and Mrs P.H. Male, of Wirral, Cheshire. Mr W.H. Hese Mr W.H. Hese and Mrs A.E. Boyes Dring The marriage took place quietly on October 27, 1986, in Petersfield, Hampshire, of Mr W.H. (Bill) Hese, of Liss, Hamp-Mr R.H.E. Steele. and Miss C.M. Fraser shire, and Mrs Antonia Boyes Dring, of Cambridge.

The engagement is announced between Richard, son of the late Mr J.O.E. Steele and of Mrs P.M. Steele, of London, and Caroline, daughter of Dr D.A.S. Caroline, daughter of Dr D.A.S. Fraser and of Mrs Diana M.

25, of Mr Noel Fereday Kirkman and Mrs Marion M. Kerr. Reception

Mr N.F. Kirkman

and Mrs M.M. Kerr

The marriage took place at Finnart St Paul's Church, Gree-

European-Atlantic Group
Baroness Young, Minister of
State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was the guest of honour at a reception given by the European-Atlantic Group at the St Ermin's Hotel, yesterday. Lord Layton, president, and Mr Geoffrey Rippon, QC,MP, joint chairman, received the mem-

Dinners

Furniture Makers' Company
Mr Ketth S. Wrighton, Master
of the Furniture Makers' Company, presided at the annual
ladies' dinner held at Merchant
Taylors' Hall last pickt Me Taylors' Hall last night. Mr Charles A. Webster and Miss Lucia E. Ercolani also spoke. Old Aitchisonians

The inaugural dinner of the UK branch of Aitchison Chiefs College Old Boys Association was held on Friday, November 7, at the Cavalry and Guards Club to coincide with the school cen-tenary celebrations in Lahore esident of the association The president of the associated Mr Narindar Saroop, spoke about the celebrations he had about the Lahore.

Meeting

Chartered institute of Transport Professor G. Wills, Principal of Professor G. Wills, Principal of the International Management Centre from Buckingham, gave a paper on 'A marketing view of transport' to the Chartered Intitute of Transport in London yesterday evening. The president, Mr G. Myers, Vice-Chairman of British Rail, presided and afterwards entertained the speaker at dinner.

Gemmological Association
The annual presentation awards ceremony of the Genmological Association of Great Britain was held at Goldsmiths' Hall, London, on Goldsmiths' Hall, London, on Monday, November 10. The awards were presented on behalf of the Germmological Association by Mr H.E. Tillander of Finland, himself the winner of the Tully Medal in 1935. This medal, the highest distinction in the world for the study of semmology was not awarded. gemmology, was not awarded this year as a sufficiently high this year as a sufficiently high standard was not attained by any candidate. 1162 students throughout the world sat the examination of whom 642 passed, 13 with distinction, and the examinations were held in 32 countries. On behalf of the Germanlagical Association of Gemmological Association of Great Britain, the chairman, Mr D.J. Callaghan, received as a gift D.J. Callaghan, received as a ginto the association the collection of gems of the late Mr. B.W. Anderson. Acting on behalf of the anonymous donor. Mr. A. Middlemiss, of Christies, made the presentation which will form part of the permanent collection of the Gemmological

OBITUARY

SIR GORDON RICHARDS

In racing, the champion of champions

Sir Gordon Richards, perhaps the greatest jockey in the history of racing, and the only one to have been knighted, died yesterday. He was 82. Just as Fred Archer was outstanding in the second half of the nineteenth century, so Gordon Richards was a supremely dominant, though diminutive, figure on racecourses for more than 25 years, until his retirement in 1954. Physically the two men had little in common, since Archer was unusually tall for one of his profession, and always dieting to keep his weight down, whereas Richards had no such problem. Yet they are strictly and uniquely comparable as masters of the Turf. The statistics clearly favour Richards, though fairness it should be said that in Archer's day there were fewer race meetings and fewer

horses in training.

Many have tried in vain to analyse the secret of Richards's success, but all are agreed on two points: that he had a style so unorthodox and individual that none could profitably follow him, and that he managed to transmit to every horse he rode, classic colt or filly or selling-plater, his own determination that together they must be first past the post.

Gordon Richards was born on May 5, 1904, at Oakengates, Shropshire where, in 1958, he was honoured when a public subscription was launched and, from the proceeds, an animal clinic established, which he

He was one of twelve children. His father, who had been a miner, kept ponies for governess cars and riding, and these were Richards's first mounts. He began work at the age of 14½ in a warehouse dealing in pit stores. He intended to go down the pit like his father but two girts who worked in the warehouse office saw an advertisement for a stable apprentice with Martin Hartigan and said to Richards, "why don't you apply?" In fact, as he said later, they wrote his letter of application. He got the job. This was in 1919. He won his first race in 1921.

Richards broke all the records that Archer set up in his run as champion jockey from 1874 to 1886. Between 1925 and 1953 he was champion 26 times, and in 1933 he beat Archer's record of 259

winners in one season. Ten years later he passed Archer's total of 2,749 winners, and in 1947 he set up another record. which may never be broken, by riding the winners of 269

In the great days at Beckhampton, when he rode for the late Fred Darling, there were classic victories: in 1942, for King George VI, on Big Game in the 2,000 Guineas, and on the great filly Sun Chariot in the 1,000 Guineas, Oaks and St Leger. Tempera-mental but brilliant, Sun Chariot, Richards always maintained, was the greatest

racehorse he ever rode. On July 17, 1952, he took his total to 4,500, a world record, and when he retired in 1954, he could look back on 14 classic successes among his 4,870 victories. At the October meeting at Chepstow in 1933 he rode all six winners on the first day, and on the second he rode the first five.

But he had to wait another 20 years before realizing his final ambition, victory in the Derby. This came on the late Sir Victor Sassoon's Pinza after 27 attempts to win the

Blue Riband of racing.
In that year, 1953, he received his knighthood in the Coronation honours. But soon afterwards, while he was still at the height of his powers, his normally he had the benefit. sudden end. In 1954 he had a was such a strong finisher that career in the saddle came to a crashing fall at Sandown on a he won on every horse that filly called Abergeldie, and in should have won, and on the same year he took out his many that should not. No licence to train.

In his new role his success was altogether less marked 1982, and since then he had and consistent than as a been very lonely. Their two jockey. Probably his best sons survive him.

horse was Reform, an undersized yearling with crooked forciess whom no one wanted. He was the winner of 11 races, including the 1967 Champion Stakes. Richards's training of this colt was a masterpiece of patience, skill and sympathy. In 1970 he gave up training to manage the horses of Lady Beaverbrook and Sir Michael Sobell. But it is, of course, as a

jockey that he will always be remembered. Richards broke many of the accepted rules and standards of race riding. He rode rather upright in a driving finish, never appearing to have a bold on his horse's head; invariably the reins were loose on its neck. Yet the vice-like grip of his knees, and the tremendous pressure he could exert, pre-

vented his mounts from wandering. In other respects his methods were entirely sound, and his tactics in a race could rarely be criticized. He would never take a chance of trying to get through on the rails if he thought there was the possibil-ity that he might be cut off, and he never hesitated to sacrifice a length or two by pulling to the outside if he thought he would get a clearer

Away from racing his hobbies were shooting, curling, golf and pigeon-fancying. He was not much of a party-goer, but excellent company to those he knew well Like most people whose talents get them to the top in any department of life, he was fairly egotistical. But his stories, though usually self-centred, were fun to listen to, and he was a very good after-dinner speaker.

In a profession not specially noted for its honesty, he had the reputation of being exceptionally straight. But he derived certain advantages from being the acknowledged lead-er. Starters tended to ask, almost as a matter of course, "Are you ready, Gordon ?". before starting a race. On one occasion Harry Wragg shout-ed "Yes, sir" when Richards himself was not ready, but It was said of him that he

wonder he was hard to beat. His wife, Margery, died in

DR IAN BUSH

Dr lan Bush, an outstanding came to a head in 1964 when scientist in the field of sex he announced his retirement steroids, died in New Hampshire on November 1. He was

In 1964 he and many of his research team caused a furore Massachusetts. ing the "brain drain" when they resigned from Birmingham University and emigrated to the United States. claiming that a shortage of funds was making their work

impossible. Ian Elcock Bush was born on May 25, 1928, and educated at Bryanston School and Pembroke College, Cambridge. From 1949 to 1952 be was a medical research scholar at the Physiology Laboratory, Cambridge, and the National Institute for Medical Research. The next three years he spent at St Mary's Hospital, l ondon, as a medical student, at the same time paying visits to several hospitals in Ameri-

He then worked on the external staff of the Medical Research Council before moving to Birmingham University in 1960 as Professor of Physi-

ology at the early age of 32. There he worked on the steroid hormones secreted by the adrenal and sex glands, the chemical processes involved in the workings of the brain, and their relationship with mental illness.

But he became increasingly embittered with what he the body fluids of large num-called "the administrative bers of schizophrenics, ivory tower". His frustrations depressives and neurotics for

from the post, and his plans to emigrate to the United States, to join the Worcester Foundation for Experimental Biology, He was leaving, he said,

because he was forced to teach students with obsolete equipment; was hampered by paper work; was so short of secretaries that he had to type his own letters; and was waging a continual battle for funds.

Bush's emigration started a brain drain" controversy, further enflamed when many of his colleagues decided to follow him to America to continue their research. He made it clear, however, that the financial support from the Medical Research Council had been generous.

Steroids were Bush's first interest, and the work he did at Birmingham he perfected in Massachusetts. As a visiting professor he had already used his own techniques of chemical analysis to identify and measure unknown compounds in the blood and urine of patients at several Massa-

chusetts mental hospitals. He refined and improved these methods so that analyses could be performed and the results read by automation. It was designed so that a small technical staff, working with the tightest of budgets and in any laboratory, could screen the body fluids of large num-

chemicals not found in healthy people.

Bush remained at the foundation until 1967 when he became Professor of Physiology at the Medical College, Virginia He became an American citizen so that he could 1970 to 1972. He then joined the New York University Medical School where he was Professor of Physiology from 1970 until his retirement sev-

en years later. When he went to America he was optimistic that his chromatagraphic system could be manufactured commercially, but this dream came to nothing.
He published, in 1961.

Chromatography of Steroids, acknowledged as a landmark in the study of sex hormones. As an author, however, he had another line: in 1983 he published The Siberian Reservoir, a moderately successful

scientific spy thriller.
Bush had a formidable scientific mind which, together with a zest for life, made him lively, if exhausting, company. He was a voracious reader, competent musician, and skilled fly fisherman.

He was thrice married. First, in 1951, to Alison Pickard (divorced in 1966) with whom he had one son and two daughters; second, to Joan Morthland (divorced in 1972) with whom he had a son and a daughter, and third, to Mary Johnson. He is survived

CAPTAIN BASIL JONES

Captain Basil Jones, DSO, DSC, who died on November 5 at the age of 85, was a distinguished wartime destroyer commander whose flotilla routed German warships which were attempting to disrupt the Normandy invasion fleet, in a spirited night He was born on August 5,

1901, and joined the Navy as a cadet at Osborne in 1915. He served as a midshipman in the Grand Fleet before the First World War was over, and afterwards qualified as a gun-ner at Whale Island. Among his interwar postings was one in 1933 to HMS Achilles - then a brand-new cruiser, later of Battle of the River Plate fame. During the Second World War he saw as much action as any man, in five years spent very largely affoat. He won a DSC in 1939 for successfully

attacking U-boats with his destroyer Ivanhoe in the Western Approaches. In 1943 he won the first of his two DSOs in command of the destroyer Pakenham which, with its sister ship Paladin, sank two Italian destroyers in night battles near Malta.

On the evening of D-Day Jones was leading the 10th

Canadian and Polish ships, when Coastal Command's air patrols sighted three German destroyers off St Nazaire. These were duly strafed, and put into Brest for repairs. But on the 8th they were at sea again, reinforced by a fourth.

Jones, in the destroyer Tartor, steamed his force west-wards to meet them, and picked them up on radar in the small hours of June 9. Split-ting his flotilla into two divisions, he made straight at the enemy, and *Tartar* opened fire at 5,000 yards. Evading torpedoes, his

ships pressed in to almost point blank range, disorganizing the Germans and compelling them to scatter. Two escaped to the south and gained the safety of Brest, but Tartar, giving chase to the north, hit and stopped one, ZHI. She was then hit herself by the German flotilla leader, ZH32, sustaining damage which slowed her down.

Jones, however, soon had this brought under control and renewed the search for the enemy, in company with Ashani. Together they found and finished off ZHI, while the Canadian destroyers of

Jones's force cut off the Ger-

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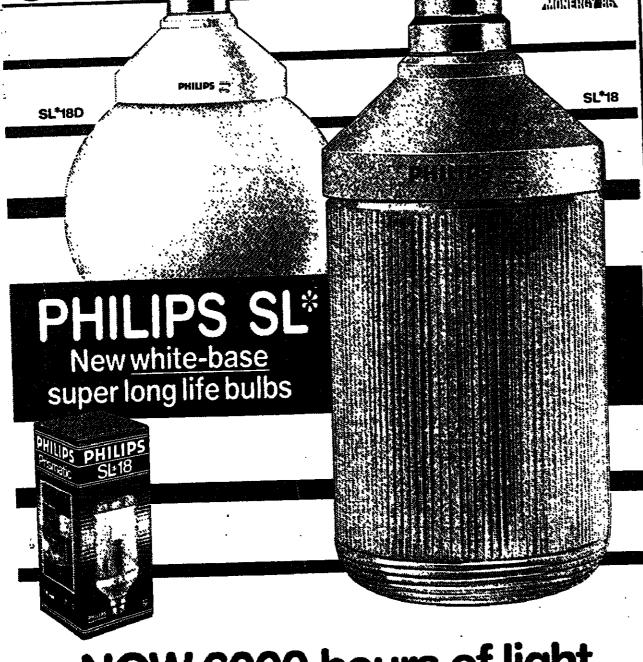
of the converging Ailied ships, she was eventually beached, a

Jones was awarded a Bar to his DSO for his leadership in this very sharp action, which removed the only German surface force still capable of menacing the supply train to the Normandy beachhead. Later in the year he was mentioned in despatches for his attacks on German COTIVOYS.

After the war he successively commanded the gunnery school at Chatham, was in charge of ship target trials, and from 1949 to 1951 was Cap-tain of Chatham Dockyard and King's Harbour Master. His final appointment, from 1951 to 1953, was as Captain of the (5th) Fishery Protection and Minesweeping Squadron.

Jones was known to his messmates as an attractive, robust character, tough but fair to his subordinates. He was an excellent tactician, and his cool judgement under pressure often turned the scale in actions fought at night between warships manoeuvring at high speed.

His wife, Joan, whom he married in 1928, died in 1984. Destroyer Flotilla, of British, man leader. Caught in the fire He is survived by their son.



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GORDON - On November 7th at Aberdeen, to Lucy. wife of Andrew Gordon, a daughter. Rosie Mate. gumer? - On November 10th, to Margaret (nee Agnew) and Richard, a daughter.

MANR.TON STURBER - On 8th November 1986 to Caro (nee Saviti) and James, a daughter. Taxa Particle, a sister (or Henry.

BERMON-TAYLOR - On 7th November.

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RALETSKY - On November 2nd 1986, to Floor (Murphy) and Anastole. a daughter. Katherine Mary Lindo.

LOYEGROVE-FELDEM - On November 72t. to Karen Osée Reidl and Jonathan, a daughter. Rowan.

PESKIH - On November 9th 1986, to Sandra (Isée Kaye) and Andrew. a son. (Santuel Henry).

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Penbury Hospital, to Sarah (Isée Devise) and Andrew. a daughter, the Devise of Manuals.

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RATCLISTE - November 7th, to Vic-

ANTUNEO - On November 7th 1986, very suddenly at home. David Grace Antonio, formerly Secretary Bank of Scotland, dearly beloved husband of Jenny, dear bather of Jennifer and Duncan and grandfishter of Josephine. David, Rachel and Bothy. The Funeral Service, to which all friends are invited, will be at Murrayfield Parish Church, on Friday November 14th at 11.00 am. Thereafter to Warriston Cemetery. Flowers to W T Dunbar and Sons, 116 Lothian Road. by 10.00 am on Priday.

BAIRD - On November 7th 1986, at his name Manor House, asswall lead Ethiologish, Professor Emeritus Sit Dugald Baird, loved husband of the late May D Tennens and father of Joyce, Maureen, David and Eusin Cremation private.

BARON - On Friday November 7th, at University College Hospital, Louis George, aged 67 years, beloved hus-band of Wynne. Cremation at Kingston Crematorium, Thurday No-Kingston Cremeterium, Thurday November 13th of 100m. Token flowers only, but donations, if desired, to The British Heart Foundation.

BLIMT - On Sta November 1986, peacefully in hospital. Charles Marshall Blunt, D.L... aged 76 years. Much loved husband of Dorothy and lather of Angela and Diana. Service at St. Wendreda's Church. March, on Friday 14th November 1986 at 2 pm. No flowers please, but donations it desired may be sent the Royal British Legion Benevotent Fund (March Brarch). West End, March. Cambridgesture

BROOK - On Friday November 7th. peacefully at the Princess Alice Hospice. Esher. Kenueth F., aged 80 years. Very dear husband of Kathleen. Joving father of Nigel. Simon and Linda and a dear grandfather and father-in-law. Service on Thursday 13th November at 11.20 am at St. Andrew's Church. Kingswood. Surrey, followed by cremation at Leatherhead. Family Bovers only please, but donations if deared to the Princess Alice Hospice. Esher. would be appreciated.

CHAVASSE On 10th November 1986, peacefully at The Old Swan. Hentey-on-Thannes, Jamet Eleman. Much loves mother of Marry and Su-sanus and loving grandmother of Sam and Charles, Fameral Service at Fawley Church, on Friday November 14th at 11 am, followed by private cremation, Flowers to A.B. Walker & Sons, Edon House, Read-

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DOW-SHITH On Sahnday 8th November. With predictable courage and dignity, at Benchill Hospital. Given Grace, aged 81 years. She bids her friends farewell. Cremation private, her ashes to rest together with her only daughter. Henrietta. In Benchill

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EZARO - On 8th November 1986, suddenly at his bottee. Clarence Norbury.

C.R.E., aged 90 years, late of Foreign.

Office. Belowed husband of Office dear brother of Phyllis and uncle of Michael and Patricia. Enquiries please to Paul Bysouth, Funeral Services. Telephotie: Crowborough

Science report

Early test hope on schistosomiasis

referred to as the scourge of the tropics. The disease, which is perhaps better known as bilibarpercepts owner a nown as punar-zia, affects one in 20 people in the world today, but mostly in tropical Africa. Yet it is a condition related more to inadequate public hygiene than to the poor public health asso-ciated with other infectious

It is on the increase in new areas where otherwise beneficial new irrigation schemes have been introduced. The parasites which cause the iliaess are spread by freshwater smalls. American doctors have developed a test which they believe can reliably diagnose infection with schistosomes one week after the first infection with the largest applied concerns which

larvae called cercaria, which first infect the human body. The new test, so far only used in animal experiments, will be valuable in several ways. It will enable infections to be climitated before the control before t enance intections to be entire nated before they can cause harmful symptoms when the parasites lay eggs.
It will prevent the misuse of drugs intended for schistosomi-seis being med for achief con-

drugs internet for other con-asis being used for other con-ditions inisdiagnosed as the lisease, it will also belp in the planning of elimination campaigns, especially when a vac-cine becomes available as now seems likely within a few years.

It is the internal scarring caused by fibrons tissue forming around eggs that causes most of the damage in the disease. Until

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FR05T - On Th November, which happily returning from hind shooting in Scotland, Henry, together with Gordon Cook and Alistait Gothrie, tragically in a motor accident, Henry was the beloved musbend of Kim, devoted Bellier of Annabet. Georgina and Victoria, much loved brother of Thomas and Jumbo. Puperal private, arrangements through Packer & Slade. I City Bank Road. Greacester 60289 3625. Memorial Service to be appounced.

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inter.

BERDMAN* INTON** On November 7th, peacefully at home, Robert Stanley (Bothy). Much loved husband of Diana, father of Christopher. Catharine and Janule and grandfather to Emma and Janule and Service at St. Peler's Church. Pevenham. 11.15 am Friday 14th November. Please no Rowers.

BOW On November 7th, Gaoffiney. soldier. London missioner: achool and Naval chaptin, parish priest and finally Brother at Sutton's Hospital. Charterhouse; a much loved man. Funeral at 11.00 am. on November 17th at The Parish Church. Great Office, Nr Hitchin. It is thought that he would have wished that, in lieu of flowers, donations could be made to The National Association of Boys Cittles. 24 Highbury Grove. London No or similar charity.

BUSH On November 4th, suddenly at Croydon, Etzabeth Sarah, aged 25, dear daughter of Dick and Anne and loved sister of Kirsty. Kate, Alison and Bridget. Funeral private. Please. Do flowers.

LEOMARD On November 7th 1986, Phylis Mary, aged 36 years. Much loved mother of Ritchard and grandmother of Gillian and Sally. Funeral Service and cremation at the Midway wickshire. Cremator tum, Oakley Wowenber 13th at 2 pm. Family flowers only please, but donations it desired may be sent to Age Concern Warwickshire. Cremator tum, Oakley Warwickshire. Cremator tum, Oakley Warwickshire. Cremator tum, Oakley Warwickshire. On November 7th 1986, Pageant House. 2 Jury Street.

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Warwickshire, c/o Mr. D. Russell, Pageant House, 2 Jury Streel, Warwick.

MATUSCH - On November 7th 1985, peacefully in Rottingdean, after a jong illness, Muriel, aged 84. Wife of the lase Frederick and beloved mother of Antony. Puneral Service, at Rottingdean Parish Church, Sussex on Thursday November 13th. at 2.30 pm. Enquiries to E. Carter & Son, Tel: 0273 33467.

PRENINCE - On Sunday November 9th, peacefully at home, Em Hamston, very deer hoshand of Honor and caring father of Angus, Gavin and Katrina. Cremation at Bournamouth Crematorium, on Thursday November

her 13th at 1pm. Family flowers only, but donations, if desired, to the only, but donations, if desired, to the imperial Cancer Research Fund. Lin-colns-inn-Fields. London WC2. No letters please.

STEVENEY - On 7th November 1986, peacefully in Grayshoft Nursing Home, Petricis Voiet - Hidegard, much loved mother of Peter, Private cremation, at Aldershot, on Friday 14th November, No letters please. Flowers to H.C. Patrick and Co. Tel Farnham (0252) 714884, or if pre-

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ARTEMITS RESEARCH By John Newell

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By Richard Evans Political Correspondent

All British firms would be ordered to pay a new levy by a future Labour government to help to finance a radical training programme for the nation's workforce it was disclosed yesterday.

Mr John Prescott, Shadow Secretary of State for Employment, said the training "tax" should be a minimum of 1 per cent of a company's turnover and would raise about £6

As he gave details of the levy plan during the Knowsley North by-election, he made it clear small businesses would not be exempt and indicated loss-making firms would have to pay. "Everybody should pay their fair share", he said. Mr Prescott said Britain had

the worst-trained labour force of any developed country and business was largely respon-sible. British companies spent 0.1 per cent of their turnover - £1 billion - on training compared to £25 billion spent by our competitors, equivalent to 3 per cent of We will have to levy

industry because industry has shown itself totally unable to see training as an investment, and sees it totally as a cost", Mr Prescon said. "So industry must take note. It has totally failed the

community in training its people. A Labour government will reverse that trend and begin to train our people and get them back to work."

With 72 hours left before voters go to the polls in the Merseyside constituency, both Labour and Liberals yesterday produced canvassing returns which confirmed that Mr George Howarth, the Labour candidate, retains a significant

The Labour figures, based on contact with two-thirds of the voters, give Mr Howarth 65.6 per cent of the committed votes, the Liberals 7.6 per cent and the Tories 2.8 per cent. Voters still to make up their mind constitute 18 per cent and support for the other candidates is put at 5 per cent.

According to the Liberals, their candidate Miss Rosemary Cooper is narrowing the gap between herself and Mr Howarth.

1983 election result: R. Kilroy-Silk, (L), 24.949; A. Birch, (C), 7.758; B. McColgan,

Knight of the turf Sir Gordon Richards dies





Sir Gordon Richards at the finish of the Derby at Epsom on June 6 1953 riding to victory on Sir Victor Sassoon's Pinza and being congratulated by the Queen afterwards.

his era. He had the strongest will to win and the best balance of any jockey in my

Sir Gordon was a great favourite of the Royal Family and rode many of their horses. As one of the most glittering superstars in the gilded history of the Turf, historians may argue whether the title of the greatest jockey of all time belongs to Sir Gordon, to Fred Archer, who preceded him and tragically committed suicide 100 years ago last Saturday, or to Lester Piggott, who retired last year and who has just ended a successful

first season as a trainer. But probably no one, not even Mr Piggott, has been so idolized by the racing public. At the height of his powers he exercised such a hold on the popular imagination that there were occasional punters who would automatically

back whatever horse he was riding in the belief that he was

Of course he was not, and indeed he had to wait until the twilight of his career to achieve his most elusive success, victory in the Derby itself on Pinza in 1953, an achievement crowned by a knight-hood in the Coronation Honours List. To this day he remains the only jockey ever to have been so honoured.

Gordon was champion jockey no fewer than 26 times, and in 1947 he established a record, which looks likely to stand for all time, of 269 winners in a champion jockey, at the end of an outstandingly successful season, failed to reach his target of 200 winners.

His upright, unorthodox style, with a long, loose rein, raised a few eyebrows among on Derby Day and the like purists, but they could hardly

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results. He was a supreme tactician, always giving his horse room to run, even when that meant switching to the

the current fashion, seeking to find a gap on the rails.

His strength in a finish was such that it was said that he never lost a race which he should have won. He was also regarded as an exceptionally straight and honest sports-man, something that endeared him still more to his admirers.

Altogether he won 14 Classic races and always said that the greatest horse he rode was the legendary filly, Sun Chariot, on which he won the 1,000 Guineas, the Oaks and the St

After his retirement he took up training, but this failed to bring him the success he had known as a rider and in 1970 he became racing manager for Lady Beaverbrook and Sir Michael Sobell.

Mr John Hislop, the owner and breeder who knew Sir Gordon well, said yesterday that his path had been tougher than that of any champion outside rather than, as is often who followed him.



Gordon Richards receiving his knighthood from Buckingham Palace in 1953 with his wife.

Indian forces in Punjab build-up

From Michael Hamiya Delhi

Winter manoenvies by the Indian Army close to the frontier with Pakistan caused considerable speculation yes-terday that some new development was underway in the troubled border state of Punjab. Government sources were

anxious to play down the importance of the exercises. Winter is the best time for exercises. Every country does it," one official said last night. But people in Punjab re-ported unusually large con-voys travelling the Grand Trunk Road, and extensive troop movements by train. The speculation was started when news came that several express, mail and passenger trains going via Haryana, Punjab and Jammu were cancelled and the journeys of others curtailed because of what were described as "unavoidable operational req-

Northern railways said that the rescheduling would be in force until further notice. The railways had earlier

cancelled a number of branch line trains in Punjab itself, citing the present situation in the state, and a possibly serious accident was averted when employees noticed in time that a number of fishplates had been tampered with near a village in Gurdaspur district.

The state government has asked the senior government officials in the districts to be meticulous in checking the rail lines in their areas.

Manoeuvres along the border would not be unusual, particularly as the cooler weather sets in, although it is reported that so many trains have not been cancelled in one swoop since Operation Bluestar, when the Army first took control of Punjah and then seized the Golden Temple of Amritsar.

The only active area of the frontier with Pakistan recently has been in the far frozen north of the country around the Siachen giacier in disputed Kashmir But the weather in this bleak mountain region is already decidedly too cold for any kind of campaigning. Patrels stepped up: A Border Security Force spokesman in Delhi said the force, which has responsibility for the border, had been asked to step up patrols within 500 metres of the border (AFP reports).

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9 Conflict with story about

13 Cheat many a character with meaningless talk (9).

15 Get ponies - else this resort

16 Order dual-purpose car (6).

18 Imported from abroad with-

23 Continually clearing a large

24 A kick on the shin from a

27 In time, perhaps, spot becomes perfectly clean (10).

1 Principal kind of light horse

3 Kind of stage players — some get attached to them (5-7).

venuc Scotland's own actor (7).

26 Assistant with a fish (4).

out referring to the auditor

ing (10). 6 Try the buffet (4).

hird (10).

10 Fight in the yard (4).

12 I fled the country (4).

will change (8).

20 Sounding sour -

shallow lake (9)

28 Abolishes tips (4). 29 Girl, a non-drinker, went

out alone (10).

changed (8).

horse (4).

council meeting of the National Council for Voluntary Youth Services on the occasion of the liftieth anniversary of its foundation at the Town Hall, Islington, 12.30; and visits the Unity Centre. 2.25; the Beacon Youth Group, 2.50; King's Corner Project, 3.30, youth organizations belonging to the council; later attends the Institute of Marketing's seventy-

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Dorchester hotel and receives the Institute's "Marketing Woman of the Year" award

Dorchester hotel given by TAR-MAC plc in aid of the society, The Duke of Gloucester visits

The Duke of Gloucester visits Castle Ceramics, Trent Lane Industrial Estate, Castle Donington, 11.05; as President of the 71000 Duke of Gloucester Preservation Society, recommissions "The Duke of Gloucester" locomotive at the Great Central Railway's Rothley Station, 11.55; and visits Airmatic Engineering Ltd, Fileby, 2.15; Cromaston Ltd, Fileby, 2.45; Mister Fox Ltd, Hoton, 3.15; J. Ketteringham and Son, Wymeswold, 3.45; later attends a reception given by the Courtauld Institute of Art by the Courtauld Institute of Art Fund at the Courtauld Institute Galleries, Woburn Square, 6.45. The Duke and Duchess of

Kent leave from Heathrow Air-port for Bombay, 6pm.

Prince Michael of Kent, as
President of the Institute of the Motor Industry, visits Austin Rover Group, Cowley, 10.30.
Princess Alexandra attends a fashion show and dinner given by the League of Friends of the Royal Marsden Hospital at the Inter-Continental Hotel 7.45

New exhibitions

New exhibitions

How we used to live 1902-26;
Elizabethan Exhibition Gallery,
Brook St. Wakefield, Mon to
Sat, 10.30 to 5 (ends Nov 22).

English paintings of the 18th,
19th and 20th centuries; Gallery
by the Park, West Hill. Gisburn
Rd, Barrowford, Nelson, Lancs.
Wed to Sun 10 to 5.30, Thurs
until 8.30 (ends Nov 23).

A Reputation Amongst Artists; Norwich School of Art. St
George St. Norwich, Norfolk.
Mon-Sat 10-5.

11 Two residences, one in London (7.5). 14 Announce cut in a surfei 17 A hot place, in the vernacular, is a bargain (8). 19 Went too far with composer

in party turn (7). 21 Browning's chaffinch "sings on the — bough" (7). 22 Alligator about upset many 25 Some become addicted to

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4 Tax return by one who works, say, for publican (8).

5 In minority of one, perhaps

7 A rate of speed, with broken oar, in a Graeco-Roman vessel (7).

8 Gumption in the Nag's head

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Princess Margaret, President of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Chil-dren, attends a luncheon at the Development has all grises by TAB

Exhibitions in progress Prints by William Hogarth; Whitworth Art Gallery, Man-chester University, Whitworth Park, Manchester, Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Thurs 10 to 9.

Organ recital by Malcolm Archer, Bristol Cathedral, Bristol. 1.15. Concert by the Scottish National Orchestra with Young Uck Kim (violin), Music Hall, Aberdeen. 7.30.

torium, School of Physics, New-eastle University, 5.30. Income Security not Social Security, by Hermione Parker, Sir James Knott Hall, Trevelyan College, Durham University, 8. Acid Rain, by Dr H J M Bowen; Chemistry Lecture Room B, Leicester University 4.15.

Christmas arts and crafts: Frome Museum Gallery, 1 set, 10 to 4. Closed Thur & Sun. 1 The pound

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London: The F7 index closed 3.9 down at 1,313.3.

<u>Anniversaries</u>

Births: Paul Signac, painter, pioneer of Pontillism. Paris, 1863; Edouard Vullard, painter, Ciuseaux, France, 1868.
Deaths: Johann Zoffany, theatrical painter, London, 1810; Soren Kierkegaard, philospher, Copenhagen, 1855; Ned Kelly, ontlaw, bansed, Mel-Ned Kelly, outlaw, hanged, Me bourne, 1880.

bourne, 1880.

The first two-minute silence commemorating the Great War was observed, 1919; the Cenotaph was unveiled and an Unknown Warnor was buried in Westminster Abbey, 1920. A unilateral declaration of independence was aunounced by 1965.

be held in London, Glasgow and Further information from Roderick Lakin, Over-Seas House, Park Place, St. James's

forecast depression will move

northeastwards across England and Wales. 6 am to midnight

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Leke District, tale of Man, NE England, Bordern, SW Scotland: Rather cloudy, occasional rain or showers; wind southwesterly moderate; max temp 11C (52F).

Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyl, Northern treland: Sunny intervals and showers; wind southwesterly weering westerly moderate; max temp 10C (50F).

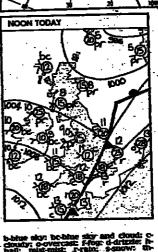
Moray Firth, NE, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Sunny intervals and showers, heavy in pisces; wind westerly fresh or strong veering northwesterly moderate; max temp 9C (48F).

London 4.48 pm to 6.43 sm Bristel 4.57 pm to 6.52 sm Edinburgh 4.43 pm to 7.12 sm Manchester 4.49 pm to 6.58 sm Penzance 5.14 pm to 7.00 sm Yesterday

Healthy eating

particular attention to the in-fluence of the media on consumer choice and attitude. Further information from: Food Policy Research, School of Biomedical Sciences, University of Bradford, Bradford, Bradford, BD7





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MEDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; i, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; an, snow; i, thunder.

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Inter-Continental Hotel, 7.45.

Talks Chemistry and Society, by Robert Malpas: Curtis Audi-

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Wales and West: M4: Repairs on eastbound carriageway be-tween junctions 16 and 17 with contrailows. M5: Northbound carriageway and entry slip road closed at junction 14 (Thornbury), contraflow on southbound carriageway. Bris-tok Lawford Street closed while gas repairs in progress.

The North: Mill: Major road-works between junctions 6 and 7 (Thorn/M62), exit and access roads closed. M63: Link road from A34 junction 10 to M63

northbound carriageway re-duced to single lane traffic for bridge painting. M6: Contraflow at junctions 29 to 32 (Leyland/M55 Blackpool). Scotland: M74: Southbound carriageway closed for bridge joint sealing at junction 4 (Hamilton and Bothwell Services), two-way traffic on northbound carriageway. M90: Repairs between junctions 3 and 4 (near Cowdenbeath), northbound carriage way closed, two-way traffic on southbound carriageway. A720: Roadworks at Colinton Bypass (Edinburgh), near Wester Hailes Road, COURTAGION IN ODE:SHORT Information supplied by AA

Applications for the 1987 Royal Over-Seas League Music Competition should be received by January 1987. Auditions will

Music competition

Street, London, SWIA ILR Portfolio

9C (48F).

Outlook for tomorrow and The day: Mainty dry et first, but out-breaks of rain or showers spreading from the W. After overnight frost in places at first, temperatures rising to near normal. Lighting-up time

A new report Talking about healthy eating has just been issued by the Food Policy Research Unit of Bradford University. The report pays